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Kowloon	Dep.	8.40	8.50	9.00	9.10	9.20	9.30	9.40	9.50	10.00	10.10	10.20	10.30	10.40	10.50	11.00	11.10	11.20	11.30	11.40	11.50	12.00	12.10	12.20	12.30	12.40	12.50	1.00	1.10	1.20	1.30
Wahmaiti	Dep.	8.45	8.55	9.05	9.15	9.25	9.35	9.45	9.55	10.05	10.15	10.25	10.35	10.45	10.55	11.05	11.15	11.25	11.35	11.45	11.55	12.05	12.15	12.25	12.35	12.45	12.55	1.05	1.15	1.25	1.35
Shatin	Dep.	7.00	7.10	7.20	7.30	7.40	7.50	8.00	8.10	8.20	8.30	8.40	8.50	9.00	9.10	9.20	9.30	9.40	9.50	10.00	10.10	10.20	10.30	10.40	10.50	11.00	11.10	11.20	11.30	11.40	11.50
Taipei	Dep.	7.14	7.24	7.34	7.44	7.54	8.04	8.14	8.24	8.34	8.44	8.54	9.04	9.14	9.24	9.34	9.44	9.54	10.04	10.14	10.24	10.34	10.44	10.54	11.04	11.14	11.24	11.34	11.44	11.54	12.04
Taipei Market	Dep.	7.19	7.29	7.39	7.49	7.59	8.09	8.19	8.29	8.39	8.49	8.59	9.09	9.19	9.29	9.39	9.49	9.59	10.09	10.19	10.29	10.39	10.49	10.59	11.09	11.19	11.29	11.39	11.49	11.59	12.09
Fanning	Dep.	7.30	7.40	7.50	8.00	8.10	8.20	8.30	8.40	8.50	9.00	9.10	9.20	9.30	9.40	9.50	10.00	10.10	10.20	10.30	10.40	10.50	11.00	11.10	11.20	11.30	11.40	11.50	12.00	12.10	12.20
Shungshui	Dep.	7.35	7.45	7.55	8.05	8.15	8.25	8.35	8.45	8.55	9.05	9.15	9.25	9.35	9.45	9.55	10.05	10.15	10.25	10.35	10.45	10.55	11.05	11.15	11.25	11.35	11.45	11.55	12.05	12.15	12.25
Shungshui	Arr.	7.41	7.51	8.01	8.11	8.21	8.31	8.41	8.51	9.01	9.11	9.21	9.31	9.41	9.51	10.01	10.11	10.21	10.31	10.41	10.51	11.01	11.11	11.21	11.31	11.41	11.51	12.01	12.11	12.21	12.31
Canton	Arr.	11.52	12.02	12.12	12.22	12.32	12.42	12.52	1.02	1.12	1.22	1.32	1.42	1.52	2.02	2.12	2.22	2.32	2.42	2.52	3.02	3.12	3.22	3.32	3.42	3.52	4.02	4.12	4.22	4.32	4.42

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STATIONS		No. 1 P A.M.	No. 2 P A.M.	No. 3 P A.M.	No. 4 P A.M.	No. 5 P A.M.	No. 6 P A.M.	No. 7 P A.M.	No. 8 P A.M.	No. 9 P A.M.	No. 10 P A.M.	No. 11 P A.M.	No. 12 P A.M.	No. 13 P A.M.	No. 14 P A.M.	No. 15 P A.M.	No. 16 P A.M.	No. 17 P A.M.	No. 18 P A.M.	No. 19 P A.M.	No. 20 P A.M.	No. 21 P A.M.	No. 22 P A.M.	No. 23 P A.M.	No. 24 P A.M.	
Canton	Dep.	7.17	7.27	7.37	7.47	7.57	8.07	8.17	8.27	8.37	8.47	8.57	9.07	9.17	9.27	9.37	9.47	9.57	10.07	10.17	10.27	10.37	10.47	10.57	11.07	11.17
Shumshun	Dep.	7.24	7.34	7.44	7.54	8.04	8.14	8.24	8.34	8.44	8.54	9.04	9.14	9.24	9.34	9.44	9.54	10.04	10.14	10.24	10.34	10.44	10.54	11.04	11.14	11.24
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Fanning	Dep.	7.39	7.49	7.59	8.09	8.19	8.29	8.39	8.49	8.59	9.09	9.19	9.29	9.39	9.49	9.59	10.09	10.19	10.29	10.39	10.49	10.59	11.09	11.19	11.29	11.39
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Yamtsai	Dep.	8.11	8.21	8.31	8.41	8.51	9.01	9.11	9.21	9.31	9.41	9.51	10.01	10.11	10.21	10.31	10.41	10.51	11.01	11.11	11.21	11.31	11.41	11.51	12.01	12.11
Kowloon	Arr.	8.17	8.27	8.37	8.47	8.57	9.07	9.17	9.27	9.37	9.47	9.57	10.07	10.17	10.27	10.37	10.47	10.57	11.07	11.17	11.27	11.37	11.47	11.57	12.07	12.17

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DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS.

TO-DAY.

(April 6)

Meetings: Hong Kong Phil-
harmonic Society, Cathedral Hall
Office, 5.30 p.m.

Whist Drive at Seamen's In-
stitute.

Exhibition of Paintings by Mr.
M. Kitchin at Athena Studio,
Gloucester Building, 9 a.m. to 7
p.m.

Entertainment: Two Act Comedy
and Sketches, St. Andrew's Church
Hall, Kowloon, 9.15 p.m.

Hong Kong Cricket Club Tennis
Tournament:—Open Doubles Cham-
pionship (Semi-final): S. A. and H.
D. Ramjahn v. M. W. and M. K.
Lo or Y. V. Segalen and P. R. S.
Walsham, stand court, 4.30 p.m.

Hockey: Hong Kong Hockey
Club v. Jat' Regiment, Marine
Ground, 5.15 p.m.

Central Theatre: "Seed."

Queen's Theatre: "The Secret
Six."

King's Theatre: "Sunshine
Susie."

World Theatre: "The Heroine"
(Chinese film).

Star Theatre: "Way For A
Sailor."

Tea Dances at King's Restaurant
and Hong Kong Hotel; Dinner
Dances at Hong Kong Hotel, Penin-
sula Hotel and King's Restaurant.

European Mails:—Inward:
Europe via Suez (Rampura); Out-
ward: Europe via Siberia (Tatsuta
Maru) 5.30 a.m.

THURSDAY.

(April 7.)

"At Home" St. John's Cathedral
Hall, 4.45 p.m. in honour of Rev.
H. V. and Mrs. Koop.

Legislative Council Meeting, 2.30
p.m.

Auction Sale of Government
Stores, R.A.O. Depot and R.E.
Yard, 9.30 p.m.

Theosophical Society Meeting, 8
p.m.

Hong Kong Cricket Club Tennis
Tournament:—Open Doubles Cham-
pionship (Semi-final): E. C. Fin-
cher and L. Goldman v. Ho Ka Lau
and Yew Man Kit, Stand Court,
4.30 p.m.

Shooting: H.K. Small Arms
(H.K. Area) Meeting, Stonecutters
Island.

Queen's Theatre: "Behind Office
Doors."

Central Theatre: "Sin Takes A
Holiday."

King's Theatre: "The Santa Fe
Trial."

World Theatre: "Three Musket-
ers."

Star Theatre: "Gold Diggers of
Broadway."

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Dances at Peninsula Hotel, Hong
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"BOOKS ON CHINA"

PROF. MIDDLETON SMITH'S ADDRESS TO THE ENGLISH ASSOCIATION.

VALUABLE GUIDE TO A FASCINATING SUBJECT.

The following address, entitled "Books on China" was given
to the Hong Kong Branch of the English Association at yester-
day's meeting at the Helena May Institute by Professor C. A.
Middleton Smith, M. Sc.

China is, to-day, under the
searchlight of publicity. For cen-
turies the country was sealed.
Even now the part that the Chi-
nese have played in the history of
the world has not been appreciated
by Europeans.

Movements that have taken place
in this country have affected other
peoples. Great men figure in the
nation's authentic history of forty
centuries. "Owing to the old
policy of seduction the intel-
lectual leaders have never received
the world's homage due to them;

but as we learn more of their
works the question of nationality is
lost sight of in the consciousness
that men of genius belong to all
humanity. Kublai Khan and Men-
cius are names worthy of a place
besides Julius Caesar and Luther.

Bulky histories of the Chinese
have been published but the average
European is ignorant of the causes
that have sustained the most nume-
rous and the most long-lived nation
on earth. If we would learn we
must read what others have written.

And of book-making on China there
is no end. But there is the old, old
difficulty of selection.

Most of the writing on China is
by people who know the country,
although sometimes I think there
are novelists who resemble one of
Dickens's characters. In order to
write about Chinese metaphysics

he took down an encyclopedia,
read up China under C. Metaphys-
ics under M. and combined the in-
formation. It is an obvious qualifi-
cation that a writer should have
resided in the country. But resi-
dence alone is not sufficient.

If you really want to learn some-
thing about a subject, you should
try to lecture or write about it,
and so I made the attempt, years
ago, to put down my impressions
about China on paper. It was
much more difficult than I had an-
ticipated. But it sent me, again
and again, to the bookshelves that
contained the wisdom of others.

TYPICAL BOOKS.

They are "Chinese Characteris-
tics" by Dr. A. H. Smith, first

published about forty years ago
and still up-to-date; "China" under
the Empress Dowager," by Back-
house and Bland; and "The Good
Earth" a novel by Pearl Buck.
And I really must add "The Wallet
of Kai Lung" by Ernest Bramah.

It stands in a class of itself, be-
cause of its delightful humour.

As its title suggests "Chinese
Characteristics" deals, more or less,
with the psychology and social life
of the Chinese. It is an excellent
book, and, in my judgement comes
first in order of merit because it is
of great practical value to new
comers. "China under the Empress
Dowager" is an historical account
concerned with perhaps the most
remarkable woman of whom we
have an authentic record. I have
mentioned "The Good Earth" as
the novel about China to be recom-
mended above all others because it
is the story which pleased me most.
It was America's best seller for
1931.

IN OLD CANTON.

"Chinese Characteristics" comes
first on my list, but I confess that
I have found books dealing with
the history of this part of the
world during the last 150 years
more entertaining than those on
Chinese psychology and social cus-
toms. So I shall deal with them
first.

The history of the British in
China has been closely associated
with trade. During the intercourse
of the two peoples we find these sub-
jects of history and trade so inter-
woven that we must consider them
both together.

The most interesting periods, to
my mind, are these. First of all
the early efforts of merchant adven-
turers before the XIXth century.

Everyone knows of Marco Polo's
travels. "Anson's voyage round
the World" (1741) gives perhaps
the earliest glimpses of the life of
European traders in Canton. Re-
cently another book entitled "Eu-
rope in China" by G. F. Hudson
has appeared. It has been praised
in the Spectator. It is a survey of
foreign relations from the earliest
times to 1800. Then there is the
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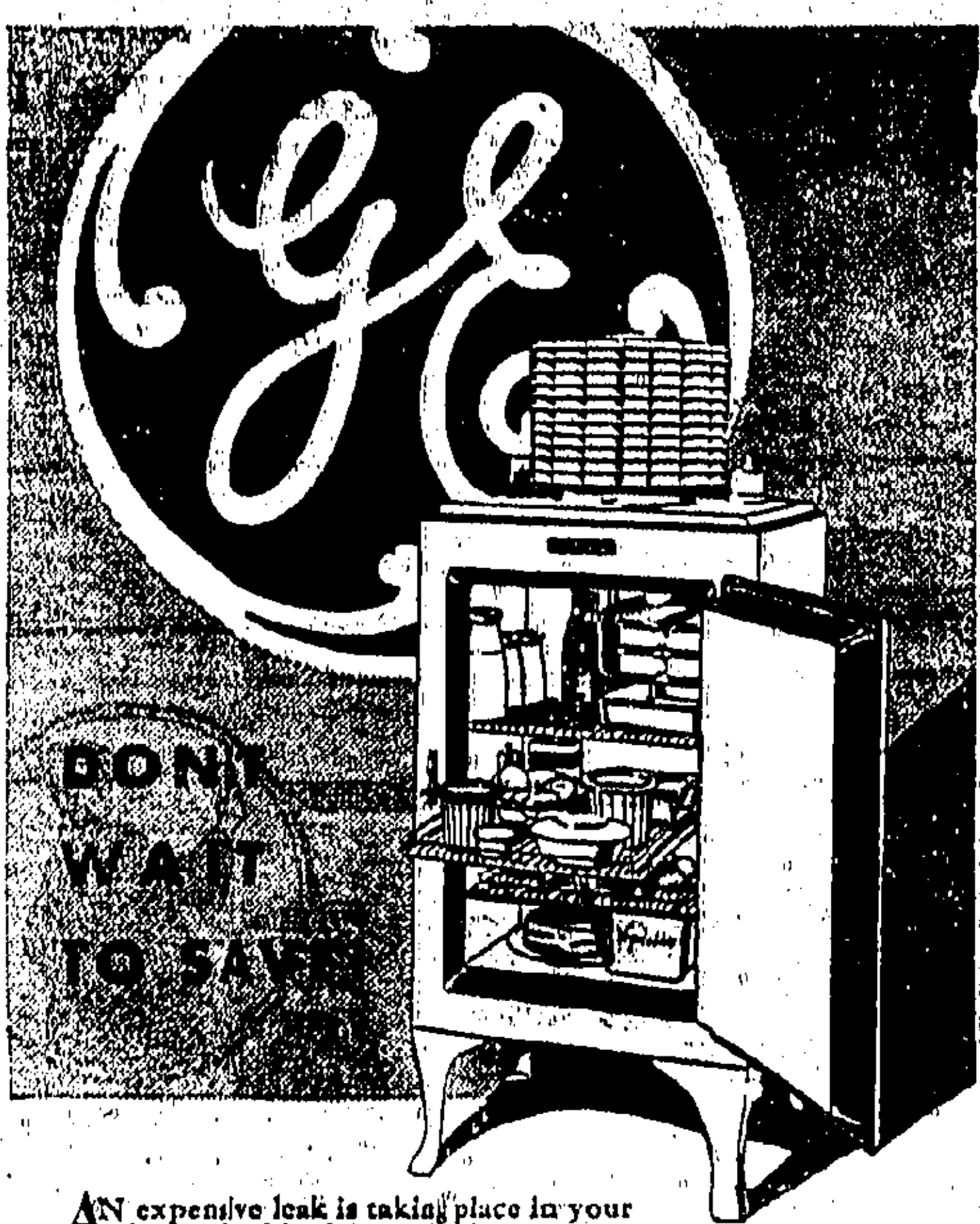
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The history of the British contribution to aeronautical science from 1800 up to the present day is told in a fascinating collection of exact-scale models and magnificent pictures which is being sent to the British section in the Zappion Palace, Athens, where will be held during the whole of next month the First International Aero Exhibition ever to take place in Greece.

With the help of the Air Ministry, the British aircraft industry has prepared a display which ranks as the most informative exhibit ever staged outside this country. Housed in two of the larger and more important rooms in the Zappion, the British stands and models will cover altogether nearly seven thousand square feet of floor area, and enable the visitor to survey in a few minutes the astounding development of the flying machine from the first curious but strikingly prophetic machines projected early last century by Sir George Cayley to the latest types of high performance military and civil aeroplanes of to-day.

Air-Minded Public.

The enterprise is unusual. British constructors are supporting the Exhibition because of their profound belief that the future of aviation depends on the right education of the public. The Greek authorities envisaged the Exhibition solely as means of encouraging "air-mindedness" among the general public. It is not a trade show, and the selling of business is much less than a secondary consideration. No full-size military aircraft may be shown, and models are preferred to actual civil machines. Instructive diagrams, sectioned engines with parts of the structure cut away to show the arrangement of important components, working models, and clear photographs are required.

The twenty-two British firms which are taking part in the Exhibition—manufacturers and users of aircraft, aero engines and necessary equipment—have spared no pains in planning and building the stands. Beautifully constructed scale models worth up to fifty pounds and more apiece have been carefully crated and sent to Athens. Among the machines that will be illustrated in model or drawing are all kinds of military aircraft—fighters, night and day bombers, reconnaissance craft, flying boats and seaplanes—and the latest types of British giant passenger-carrying planes and light aeroplanes.

Accessories.

The display will be rounded off by examples of the multifarious accessories that are employed in one branch or another of aviation. Those on view in the Zappion will include oxygen breathing apparatus for use when flying in the rarefied air of the great heights, wading suits, ingenious chambers for the testing of instruments, safety harness, dinghies for seaplanes, all kinds of navigational apparatus, wheel brakes, sparking plugs, magnetos, and many other details which play a part in the efficient working of the modern British aeroplane and aero engine.

ALL-METAL WARPLANES.

WOODEN CONSTRUCTION ALMOST EXTINGUISHED.

The march towards metal construction of aeroplanes, in which the British aircraft industry has played a chief part, is evident in the statement that in 1932 first-line units of the Royal Air Force will be wholly equipped with machines either of all-metal structure or composite of metal and wood. "Wood," states the memorandum, "is now employed only for the wings and tail units of a very small number of the older types and for certain small components."

Experience is showing that aircraft of metal construction undoubtedly have a longer life than those of wood, and, in consequence, considerable economies in maintenance costs are being effected. In a sentence, the memorandum tells of an air service which is mightily efficient, but alarmingly small for the work it is designed to do. The British Empire is becoming more and more dependent on air power, and the Government, again adopting Lord Londonderry's words, might well view the situation with anxiety were it not for their hope that the Disarmament Conference in Geneva will bring about a reduction in armaments.

THE AIR ESTIMATES: A WARNING.

HOME DEFENCE FORCE TEN SQUADRONS SHORT.

"MAKESHIFT EXPEDIENTS WHICH CANNOT BE REPEATED."

"Makeshift expedients which cannot be repeated," in the words of Lord Londonderry, the Air Minister, have brought the Air Estimates for 1932 down to a gross figure £1,500,000 less than in the previous year. Important items in the programme of R.A.F. development have been sacrificed, the vote for the supply of new aeroplanes drastically cut, and even the replacement of unsatisfactory housing and other accommodation at certain stations is again postponed.

Lord Londonderry declares, in his memorandum accompanying the Estimates, that "the serious disparity between the first line strength of the Royal Air Force and foreign air services remains as tangible evidence of the efforts made by this country to further the cause of disarmament, alike by precept and practical example." To-day the Home Defence Force is still short by ten regular squadrons of the number laid down as a bare minimum in 1923. For the fourth time since its initiation the defence programme is again retarded.

Many Duties.

The memorandum brings out in striking fashion the widespread activities of the Royal Air Force. There is mention of operations in Kurdistan, on the north-west frontier of India, in Aden, Iraq, Transjordan, Cyprus, Arabia, and Burma as well as details of the routine landplane and flying boat cruises through Africa and out in the Indian Ocean which constitute one of the more picturesque sides of the work of the service. No other fighting air service in the world has equivalent duties, an additional fact to bear in mind in making comparisons of relative air strength of the leading powers.

AEROPLANE AND MOTOR CAR.

COMPARISON OF RUNNING COSTS.

"PLANE DEPRECIATES LESS THAN CAR."

That the present day light aeroplane costs no more to run than a 20 h.p. motor-car was proved the other evening by the Master of Sempill, himself a leading owner-pilot and aeronautical expert, in a lecture to members of the Royal Empire Society.

He assumed that aeroplane and motor-car each travelled 12,000 miles in a given year. The total cost, excluding depreciation, he gave as £205 for the motor-car and £206 for the flying machine. Expenditure on petrol and oil was approximately level at around £40. The car tax was £20 and the aeroplane tax five guineas. "Tyres cost £18 on the car and only £23.12.6 on the aeroplane. Maintenance at £64.15 for the motor-car, was five pounds less than for the aeroplane. Housing was exactly the same at £39. The chief difference shown was in the cost of insurance—£23 for the car and £50 for the plane.

A Fallacy.

These figures should dispel the widespread belief that the private aeroplane is only for the rich. A further important point is that, practically speaking, an aeroplane is always in "pay" condition. The strict airworthiness regulations provide for severe inspection and overhaul at stated intervals, when every defective part must be replaced and all repairs done up to the standard of the original construction. Often, too, modifications decided by the makers are made "compulsory" in machines already in use before a new certificate of airworthiness can be granted. Thus depreciation in an aeroplane is much less than in a motor-car, and second-hand prices are relatively much higher.

"BOOKS ON CHINA."

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time when the power of the East India Company in Canton was on the wane and Hong Kong was ceded to the British—say 1800 to 1842. The name that stands out in my memory in this connection, is not the famous missionary Dr. Morrison, not the active Mathesons, nor Captain Elliot, but Sir George Thomas Stanton. I came across his "Miscellaneous Notices Relating to China" quite accidentally some ten years ago. There were two Stauntons, father and son, who lived in Canton, and the son was probably the most romantic European in China of the nineteenth century.

IN THE EARLY DAYS.

He was a great Englishman who served the East India Company in Canton for many years. On his retirement he lived at Leigh Park, in Hampshire. As this Park adjoined my father's small estate, I knew it well as a boy.

He made a voyage out to China at the age of thirteen, to join his father in Canton. A year later the small boy is amongst the first of the British to visit Peking and is conversing in Chinese with the aged Emperor.

Later comes the struggle to maintain the monopoly of the East India Co. against the attacks of the Mathesons and the other free traders. Finally he is a Hampshire squire, an M.P., L.L.D. and F.R.S., the foremost authority in England on China, an able writer and a notable scholar.

I cannot resist quoting from one of Stanton's book two sentences. The first, written in 1830, is from his own pen. It reads: "Our present position in China is generally felt to be a critical one." The other is from the Report of a Parliamentary Committee of which he was a member.

It runs as follows:—"Your Committee regret to state, on undoubted evidence, that the trade with that country has been for some time in a very unsatisfactory position, and that the result of our extended intercourse has by no means realised the just expectations which had been naturally founded on the freer access to so magnificent a market."

Both of those sentences might have appeared in the recent report of the British Economic Mission that visited China in 1930-31.

Stanton was appointed deputy to Lord Amherst in the Second Embassy to Peking. Henry Ellis wrote a "Journal of the Proceedings of the Late Embassy to China."

ANOTHER PIONEER IN CHINA.

The other remarkable figure of this period, of whom biographies are of interest, was the Revd. Robert Morrison the pioneer missionary who arrived in Macao in 1806. Great as was his piety and missionary zeal, his claim to fame must rest upon his remarkable work as a sinologue. It was Stanton and Morrison who first opened up any sort of national communication between the Chinese and English peoples.

The Revd. Dr. Pearce, some years ago, lent me a bulky life of Morrison in two volumes, but I cannot remember the name of the author.

"PUSH AND GO" PARKES.

The next period of interest is about the time of the Taiping Rebellion (say 1850) and the name that comes to my mind in this connection found a biographer in Lane-Poole. He wrote an excellent "Life of Sir Parkes" in 2 vols.

This remarkable man entered the public service in China at the age of fourteen. He was interpreter, vice-consul, consul and Minister. For forty-two years Parkes worked in the Far East. During most of the time he was the dominant European personality. His daughter, Mrs. James Keswick, entrusted to his biographer many letters which "show the softer side of the indomitable Englishman." At the age of fourteen (1842) Parkes took his place in a great historical scene—the reception of the Chinese Imperial Commissioners authorised

to treat for peace with the "outlaw" rebels. It was the first time in the history of China. On Nanking the British Admiral and General—on the "Hagley," Cornwallis—received the Chinese Commissioners. The desk was ablaze with officers in full dress uniform. "In the midst of this pomp and pageantry of court and war, a slim, fair-haired boy with eager young face and vivid blue eyes was formally presented to the Imperial Commissioners." The "Life" gives us glimpses of Hong Kong in the very early days which are of great interest.

In this period another name stands out—that of a British Consul T. T. Meadows. His book "The Chinese and their Rebellions" is difficult to obtain. There is so much of wisdom in it that I think I learnt more from one chapter on the philosophy, morality and polity of the Chinese than from any other source of information. It taught me to respect certain views often much misunderstood by Europeans.

THE AMAZING YEHONALA.

Next comes the phase of the Boxer rebellion. In this connection let me remind you of Putnam Weale's "Indiscreet letters from Peking," which gives a vivid account of the siege of the legations.

But beyond all other books of this period there is "China under the Empress Dowager." It is the history of the life and times of Yehonala. There is a promise of romance simply in the sound of the name. It would easily be possible to give not one, but many lectures, upon the dynamic character of Yehonala. Born in 1836, she ruled the teeming millions for half a century nearly a cycle of Cathay with the autocracy of which only when she first came into the picture, as a power, rebellion was rife all over the Empire. This haughty, and very determined, but yet attractive woman, was not even the Emperor's wife but his concubine; yet in her masterful manner, she ignored the stricken Emperor, brushed aside the Empress Consort and, while yet in her early twenties, seized the power of the throne. Is there anything on record to equal the astounding personal success of this amazing adventuress?

GUILE AND CHARM.

It has been said that the history of the world would have been very different if Cleopatra's nose had been half an inch longer. If you read carefully you will come to the conclusion that, whatever the length of Yehonala's nose, whatever handicap of personal appearance she might have possessed, she would have conquered in the end. For she had guile and charm as well as brains. She always knew what she wanted and, as is not unusual with her sex, she invariably got it. She probed into life in all its varying phases—eager, inquisitive, determined to satisfy every emotion of her complex nature. But the terrible tragedy of the Boxer movement was Yehonala's supreme mistake. True it is that she suffered but little for it, in comparison with those whom she aided and abetted, and who subsequently paid with their lives the penalty of their loyalty to this astounding female.

As the authors remind us, the life of her Court was one of profound learning and crass stupidity, of infantile gaiety and sudden tragedy, of flashing fortunes and swift doom. There is an effective oriental ruler of her period had to be, she could on occasions be kind. And she had a rough sense of humour which must have been a great asset and was possibly her salvation. At times she was extravagant and licentious, at others she was just an eager gossip. She won the respect of scholars because of her love of literature and profound knowledge of history. She.....

Alas! I am limited in time. Turn to the book that gives you the true, true story of the world's wonder-woman, and be thankful you have lived outside the circle of her wrath.

YOUNG CHINA'S HERO.

Then we come to books about the overthrow of the Manchu dynasty and the emergence of the new national hero, Dr. Sun Yat-sen. It was my good fortune to meet this graduate of the Hong Kong College of Medicine. I am afraid that I should find it difficult to

write about him with the enthusiasm of his teacher the late Sir James Cantlie. Perhaps it is unfair of me to judge Dr. Sun as a result of one interview for he was a sick man when we met; a disappointed man.

"EMINENT AUTHORITIES."

Last year Kelly and Walsh published "Eminent Authorities on China" by Ronald Hall, who explains that he has found no really conclusive book on the subject. He has noticed the "bewilderingly diverse and not infrequently flatly contradictory" judgements of the different writers.

He mentions so many books that after I had read this work it seemed to me that my efforts had been wasted during my long leave last year, when I spent quite a lot of time preparing this address. I had to re-write it. But I might have come here and simply said "a man named Hall has published recently a book on this subject—it will give you all the clues needed to lead you on to a complete study of China and the Chinese," and that would have served my main object.

A list is given of authorities on China and their works. Ten years ago I tried to persuade my publishers to include such a list and failed. It was, therefore, gratifying to me to see this guide to the industrious in print.

Hall gives lengthy extracts from various books including "Annals and Memoirs of the Court of Peking" and R. F. Johnson's "The Lion and Dragon in North China." Also from "Humanity and Labour in China" by Dame Anderson.

He mentions the "Memoirs of Thomas Hickey," a very rare autobiography giving a glimpse of Canton life in the late 18th century.

MANY CIVILISATIONS.

He also relies on "The Chinese Empire" by a Roman Catholic Priest, M. Hue; Dr. A. H. Smith's works, and Woodhead's "Truth about the Chinese Republic." He contrasts the views of authors whom he labels "realists," "pessimists" and "optimists."

In summing up, he says "with regard to the pessimist party, it is not surprising that it should contain a fair sprinkling of missionaries." I have noticed that in their writings, this class is either unduly optimistic or every pessimistic. Or is that they come out keyed up with enthusiasm and write in a buoyant style reflecting that mood; and then gradually find themselves disillusioned? Do those of us who live longest in China grow more and more pessimistic? And is that altogether the fault of China or is some of it due to Anno Domini?

Valuable is Hall's opinion:—"It is sometimes said that China is not a nation but a civilisation. It is, however, not a civilisation, but many civilisations ranging from the most primitive to the most refined."

ABOUT HONG KONG.

There are many references to Hong Kong in various books, but there is no complete history of the Colony.

Elphinstone, in 1894 published his "Europe in China," which is really a story of the first fifty years of Hong Kong. The book is dull yet useful, but is not of print.

Norton-Kyshe wrote "A History of the Laws and Courts of Hong Kong." The title is carried only as far as 1863. It is tedious reading but is a mine of information for a really "live" story.

"Hong Kong, Around and About" has been recently published. The Authors are Mr. Peplow and Mrs. Barker.

They make no pretence that the work is a complete account of things Chinese as seen in the Colony. Its aim is to throw some light on scenes and incidents of daily life which may interest or puzzle the non-Chinese onlooker.

I have sent to several friends and to my children "at home" copies of Mrs. Southern's "Chips of China" and every one has been pleased with it. Often have I raised a laugh with the "Apple Pie" story.

Sir John Davies was a very industrious ex-Governor of Hong Kong who wrote fifteen volumes about China and the Chinese, over a period of nearly fifty years (1829 to 1870).

These books will interest those who like to read about the early days. (To be continued.)

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Draperies from France.

The period structures include a French villa of the Louis XVI era and a de luxe suite of the famous hotel Crillon. For them costly draperies were imported from France and they were completely furnished with authentic period pieces.

The home of a New England justice of the peace and the apartment of three New York working girls are among the character settings. In addition, a section of the ice rink at St. Moritz, famous Alpine resort and the stands and part of the track of a French automobile racing speedway were constructed.

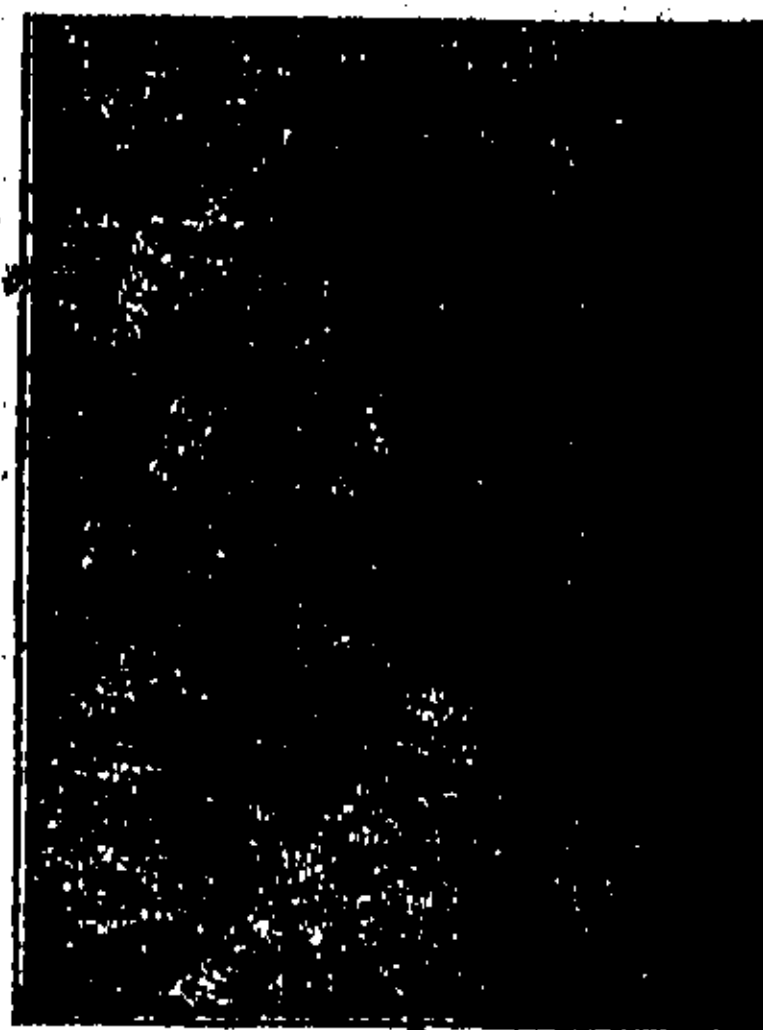
"Sin Takes a Holiday," which is showing at the Central Theatre today, is one of twenty specials which Pathe will produce this season. Kenneth MacKenzie, Basil Rathbone, Rita La Roy and Louis Borelli are featured in the leading roles. Paul L. Stein was the director.

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The story traces the rise and fall of a crooked city political boss who rules the underworld to use it as a tool to gain political power. The story is by Frances Marion author of "The Big House" and "Min and Bill" and was directed by George Hill. Wallace Beery plays the principal role as Scorpio, the stockyards worker who becomes political czar of a city. The large cast includes Lewis Stone, John Mack Brown, Jean Harlow, Marjorie Rambeau, Paul Hurst, Clark Gable, Ralph Bellamy, John Miljan, DeWitt Jennings and others.

Among the sensational scenes, involving in many cases, elaborate inventions, for recording and filming, are the blowing apart of a play-er-piano with machine guns in "spouting" a man; the sensational night battle of vigilantes and the horde of the underworld; and a breathless race in speed boats. An entire replica of a city street was constructed near the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios first as it would have appeared just after the war; then razed and rebuilt for the sensational murder trial of Wallace Beery.

"PALMY DAYS."

NEW FORM OF MUSICAL
COMEDY.

Eddie Cantor in "Palmy Days," which Samuel Goldwyn is coming to the King's Theatre on next Sunday heralds the advent of a new kind of song-and-dance picture. Samuel Goldwyn is taking the first step in bringing about a new order. "Palmy Days" like its predecessors, has elaborate and intricate dance routines, staged by the same master that presided over "Whoopee," "Busby Berkeley." But they are different kinds of numbers. Chorus girls, for instance, don't exist in "Palmy Days." But at the same time, there are dozens and dozens of Hollywood's most decorative girls. They are waitresses in the super-bake-shop over which Eddie Cantor presides as efficiency expert. Or they are customers in the imposing lunch room.

Other productions in the new manner are being prepared by the Hollywood studios, in which song and dance is used only as an essential part of the story, not as something dragged in while the story waits.

And so the picture fans, by refusing to accept the stage form of musical comedy, have created for themselves a new kind of screen entertainment.

as it might have looked four or five years later, and then once more razed and rebuilt as it is 1931. One of the most elaborate settings was the replica of a great courtroom, for the sensational murder trial of Wallace Beery.



GOSSIP
&
FACT.



"Sunshine Susie" in London.

"Sunshine Susie" is in its thirteenth West End week at the Marble Arch Pavilion, says the London Evening Standard of March 7. This film is now showing here at the King's Theatre.

"Charlie Chan's Chance."

In "Charlie Chan's Chance" Mr. Warner Oland is seen again as the famous Chinese detective with an eye for a criminal and an ear for an epigram. This is quite a clever story with a very capable cast.

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"The Woman from Monte Carlo."

Miss LIL Dagover is one of the most dazzling artists of the screen. To British filmgoers she is known as a star of the first rank in all but advertisement. She made her first appearance in "The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari," one of the most famous of all silent films. Since then she has appeared with Mr. Ivan Mosjoukine in "The Secret Courier," with Mr. Emil Jennings in "Tartuffe," and as the star of "Hungarian Rhapsody," one of the loveliest films ever produced.

"When I heard" that Miss Dagover was to go to Hollywood I shuddered writes a London critic so "many European stars and directors of original genius have been broken in its movie machine."

"The Woman from Monte Carlo," however, goes to show that Miss Dagover remains a supreme artist, even in a poor story which has proved too great a handicap for even such an experienced player as Mr. Walter Huston.

The story presents Mr. Huston as a commander in the French Navy. The commander is supposed to have married a wife of doubtful character. He and his officers play out the usual triangle drama.

"SUNSHINE SUSIE."

BRITISH FILM WORTH
SEEING.

Under its original title of "The Private Secretary" this gay and sparkling musical comedy film enjoyed a tremendous Continental vogue, helped largely by the personality of Renate Muller, one of the brightest and most accomplished of the stars of the German stage.

"Sunshine Susie," which is now showing at the King's Theatre, has all the musical airiness of musical comedies romances in the Viennese manner. It is gay. It is tuneful.

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Lillian Davies.

The late Miss Lillian Davies, who was 37, was born at Lynmouth, Devon, and educated at Cardiff. She made her debut on the stage at Drury Lane in 1918, in the chorus of "Shanghai." Eleven years later she achieved fame in a night. Sir Nigel Playfair chose her for the title part in "Polly," the sequel to the "Bogger's Opera." It was produced in December 1922, and both the production and the leading lady made an immediate success. Afterwards she appeared in the title role in "Katia the Dancer," in "The Beloved Vagabond," "Song of the Sea," and as the Queen in "The Three Musketeers." During the last three years she appeared as principal boy in pantomime. She was playing in "Jack and the Beanstalk" at Manchester when she was taken ill. Mr. Julian Wylie, who had a great deal to do with fashioning her career, said: "I first engaged her for the Drury Lane pantomime because she had more dignity and charm than anyone else on the musical stage. She was the ideal combination of singer and actress."

"Dreyfus" in America.

The tremendous ovation afforded "Dreyfus" by American audiences is extremely gratifying to B.I.P. and a further glowing tribute has just been received. "The Motion Picture Herald" says: "The 'Dreyfus' case will probably establish an enormous American gross record when its run is completed. Already it is estimated to have grossed more than two hundred thousand dollars in this country and has the advantages of English dialogue and the story founded on historic facts, which are expected to ensure its longevity in American markets as it falls into neither a 'cycle' classification nor one of time limit."

(Paul Abraham, of "Viktor and the Hussar" fame, is responsible for the music). It has an engaging, clear-cut story full of comedy, and melodies that everybody will soon be humming or whistling. Above all it is "different."

The theme song—if it can be so described—"To-day I Feel So Happy" is one of Miss Muller's musical hits. It has enchanted Germany as it is certain to enchant music loving Britain. Another "Just Because I Lost My Heart to You" is just as certain to be popular. With such favourites in the cast as Owen Nares, Jack Hulbert, who is seen in a riotously funny role, and Morris Harvey, "Sunshine Susie," a Gainsborough Picture directed by Victor Saville, has all the ingredients that go to the making of a really popular success.

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A SOCIALIST'S DRESS BILL.

QUESTION ABOUT PALACE PARTY.

WIFE'S £200 COAT.

A socialist leader's clothes at a Buckingham Palace garden party, and a £200 coat for his wife, were mentioned at Westminster County Court.

Mr. Robert Williams, who described himself as Labour propaganda officer of a Socialist newspaper, and his wife were sued by Mr. Mark Bendeth, of South Molton-street, W., for £11, the cost of a mantle and material ordered by Mrs. Williams.

Mr. Browne (for Mr. Bendeth) asked Mr. Williams if his wife attended a royal garden party.

Mr. Williams: We did go to a garden party at Buckingham Palace when the Labour Government was in office. I went in a lounge suit and a soft hat.

Judge Turner. Wives won't go shabby to such functions, even if they are wives of Labour propagandists.

Mrs. Williams did not appear, and the action against her was withdrawn.

Mr. Bendeth said that Mrs. Williams gave him a cheque for the goods, but it was not paid. Previously she always paid cash. She had one coat worth £200 and another worth about £150.

Mr. Williams said that he had a salary of £200 a year and allowed his wife 20 a week for household expenses and the clothing of herself and their daughter, aged nine years. They had separated. He had differed with her because of her extravagance.

Judge Turner: I cannot say that these clothes were not necessary for the wife of a man in Mr. Williams's social and business position. She had no separate dress allowance.

Judgment was given against Mr. Williams for the amount claimed.

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POLICE RAID.

ALLEGED KIDNAPPERS
ROUNDED UP.

Mr. W. Schofield and Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones sat together at Central Magistracy yesterday in a case in which two Chinese men and a woman were brought up on charges arising out of the kidnapping of four young Chinese boys. The defendants were also charged with harbouring the lads while a third charge of conspiracy was preferred against them.

All defendants pleaded not guilty. Inspector J. Murphy of the S.C.A. prosecuted and in outlining the case said that it appeared that one of the boys came down from the country about nineteen months ago. He stayed in a boarding house for a time after which he went out selling vegetables. It was then that he met the first defendant who was himself an unlicensed hawk. Later the boy went back to the country but on his return here, he met the first defendant who promised to get him a job. The boy agreed and was taken to a hut in Saiwan Ho, but instead of getting the job, the man kept him there from February 28, till March 12. The defendant also was responsible for a similar trick played on another boy, and this had also been taken to the same hut. This happened on March 10.

Threats of Punishment.

As regards the second defendant, said Inspector Murphy, he employed the same trick to entice a third lad to the hut and this boy, together with the other two already referred to, was threatened by all the defendants that if they went out or if they made any noise that might attract attention, they would be severely punished.

Boy Told To Get Out.

In conclusion, Insp. Murphy said that on March 12, the boy in respect of whom the second defendant was charged with kidnapping, was told that he was too old and could not be sold. He was then told to get out.

The boy went straight to the Central Police Station where he made a report to the effect that a gang of kidnappers was living in a hut in Sai Wan Ho with some of their victims. As the result of this report, the Chief Detective Inspector, together with a party of men, went to the place where the defendants were arrested.

Chief Detective Inspector Reynolds went into the box to give evidence of arrest and after other witnesses had been heard, the case was adjourned.

THE RADIO HOUNDS.

DON'T FORGET TO LISTEN
IN TO-NIGHT.

An interesting broadcast talk will be given from Z.B.W. to-night at 9.30 p.m., which no one who is interested in a novel form of sport and amusement should miss.

It appears that Arnolds Radio Service have evolved a means whereby a "treasure hunt" can be held in the air. Full details will be given over the air to-night, at present all we can say is that the scheme has been very carefully worked out and will we think receive a very warm welcome. We understand that the first prize will be a long and short wave wireless receiving set, including three months' free service.

The "clues" for the treasure seekers will not only be broadcast when the "Radio Hounds" meet in the air each week, but will be published also in the local Press the following morning.

Don't forget to listen in at 9.30 to-night.

BIT THROUGH HIS
BONDS.HOW VICTIM OF ROBBERS
ESCAPED.

That he bit through the rope binding his wrists was how Kwan San Chuen described succeeding in freeing himself after being tied up to a window bar by armed robbers on February 3.

The man was giving evidence before Mr. J. A. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday in a case in which three Chinese are charged with armed robbery at the Kwong Sang Wo Knitting Factory, at 205, Taig Cha Street, at 9 a.m. on February 3. The prisoners, who were not legally represented, pleaded not guilty, and the prosecution was conducted by Mr. T. Murphy, A.S.P., assisted by Detective-Sergeant Moran.

It was alleged by the prosecution that on February 3, at 9 a.m., Kwan San Chuen was living at the knitting factory, which has ceased business, with his wife and two girls. One of the girls left the kitchen to go out into the yard, and when she returned she was followed into the kitchen by three men.

Upraised Dagger.

The men pointed daggers at the inmates and proceeded to gag and bind them, after which they were all placed in a back room. While one of the men kept guard over the prisoners with upraised dagger the other two robbers ransacked the place, and stole property and money to the total value of \$271.

The robbers stayed on the premises for about an hour, and after they had left by the back door Kwan San Chuen, who had had his wrists tied to a window bar, managed to free himself by biting at the knots of the rope.

He then hastened to Mong Kok Police Station and gave the alarm. At yesterday's hearing it was intimated by the police that of the property stolen, among which was an overcoat, a wollen cardigan, \$30 in notes and silver, parcels of socks and stockings, and a pair of satin trousers, only some socks and the cardigan had been recovered.

Evidence was given by Kwan San Chuen, who described his experiences when tied up by the robbers, and how he freed himself by biting through the knots that held his wrists to the window bar. Other witnesses also gave evidence, after which His Worship adjourned the case until 10 o'clock this morning.

HONG KONG STOCK
MARKET.YESTERDAY'S OFFICIAL
QUOTATIONS.

A more lively interest was manifested in the market at the morning session, especially in the lower-priced section, the rates for which recorded a slight advance:

Sales.
Hongkong Banks, \$1,490 to \$1,500.
H. K. and W. Docks, \$22 to \$22½.
H. K. Realities, \$10.90.
Constructions (new), \$1.00.

Buyers.
Hongkong Banks, \$1,495.
Bengalis, \$12½.
Rauhs, \$30½.
H. K. and K. Wharves, \$14½.
Docks, \$22.
Providents (old), \$4.70.
Providents (new), \$2½.
Hotels, \$13½ cum rights.
Hotels (rights), \$2½.
Hongkong Lands, \$77.
Chinese Estates, \$85.
Ewo Cottons, Tls. 14.05.
Hongkong Trams, \$21.10.
H.K. Electric, \$72½.
Cements (combined), \$18.10.
Watsons, \$15½ cum rights.
Amusements, \$21.
United Theatres, Tls. 5.
Constructions (new), \$1.85.
Govt. Loans, 3½% premium.

Sellers.
Malabar Sugars, \$21.
Hongkong Ropes, \$17.
S. C. Enterprises, \$10.
Govt. Loans, 4½% premium.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

There was a fair amount of trading put through in the course of the day, and rates were inclined to be firmer.

Sales.
Hongkong Banks, \$1,500.
Hongkong Realities, \$10.90.
Ewo Cottons, Tls. 14.75.
Hongkong Ropes, \$16½.
(Continued at foot of next column.)

TO-DAY'S WIRELESS
PROGRAMME.BROADCAST BY Z.B.W. ON
355 METRES.

10 to 11.30 a.m.—Stock quotations.
11.30 a.m.—Chinese programme.
12.30 p.m.—European programme of Regal and Columbia records.
1 p.m.—Local time and weather report.

1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press news, mail notice, etc.
2 p.m.—Close down.
5 to 7 p.m.—Chinese programme.
6 to 6.30 p.m.—Children's programme.
7 to 10.30 p.m.—European programme of Columbia and Regal records.
7 p.m.—Mail notice, etc.
7.03 to 7.30 p.m.—

Band and Orchestral Selections.

"On the Quarter Deck" (Alford).
"Ellesmere" (Grace). — Reg. Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.—744R.
"Four Indian Love Lyrics" (Woodford-Finden). — Union Symphony Orchestra.—597R.
"Morning, Noon and Night"—Overture (Von Suppe). — National Military Band.—9013R.
3 p.m.—Local time and weather report.
7.03 to 8.25 p.m.—

Variety.

Song—"You Try Somebody Else"—Kate Smith (Comedienne).—DB734.
Organ Solo—"Parade of the Waddings"—Terence Casey.—DB741.
Humorous Song—"Grandma's Days and Nowadays"—Norman Long.—DB738.
Orchestral—"Bow Bells"—Selection.—Jack Payne and his B.B.C. Dance Orchestra.—DB735.
Vocal Duet—"The Longer You Live in Virginia"—Layton and Johnstone.—DB730.
Xylophone Solo—"When the Circus Comes to Town"—Rudy Starita.—DB742.
Humorous Song—"Resolutions for 1932"—Norman Long.—DB732.
Orchestral—"Hold My Hand"—Selection.—Jack Payne and his B.B.C. Dance Orch.—DB707.
Guitar Solo—"In A"—Len Ellis.—DB723.
Orchestral—"Helen"—Selection.—Charles Prentice and his Orch.—DX330.
8.25 to 9.30 p.m.—

Operatic.

Orchestral—"The Barber of Seville"—Overture (Rossini).—Percy Pitt, conducting the B.B.C. Wireless Symphony Orchestra.—9166.
Chorus—"The Student Prince—Drinking Song" (Donnelly and Romberg).—Raymond Marlowe, Paul Clemon, Olaf Olson and Chorus.
Chorus—"The Student Prince—Serenade" (Donnelly and Romberg).—Allan Prior, Raymond Marlowe, Paul Clemon, Olaf Olson and Chorus.—8083.
Orchestral—"Carmen"—Selection (Bizet).—Percy Pitt conducting the B.B.C. Wireless Symphony Orchestra.—9123.
8.50 to 9.15 p.m.—

Instrumental.

Piano Solo—"Hungarian Rhapsody, No. 12" (Liszt).—William Murdoch.—9222.
Violin Solo—"Bourree" (Sammons).—Albert Sammons.—9464.
Piano Solo—"Prelude in B Flat" (Rachmaninoff).
Piano Solo—"Polichinelle" (Rachmaninoff). — Left Poulisnoff.—9398.
Violin Solo—"Elegie" (Masse-net).—Albert Sammons.—7415.
9.15 to 10.30 p.m.—

Dance Music.

9.30 to 9.40 p.m.—"A Talk by Dr. Radio of the Radio Service Station."
10.30 p.m.—Rugby mid-day Press news.
10.35 p.m.—Close down.
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[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, April 4.

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LATEST R.A.F. FLIGHTS

PLANES REACH SOURABAYA
FROM AUSTRALIA

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, April 4.

Three Royal Air Force craft of the No. 218 Bomber Squadron, engaged on a Somaliland cruise, reached Wadihaif to-day from Adbara.

Three aircraft of the No. 908 Flying Boat Squadron, on the return flight to Singapore from Port Darwin, reached Sourabaya at the week-end.

RECTOR AMONG
LANDLADIES

THE STIFFKEY TRIAL

(Reuter's Special Service.)

London, April 4.

After preaching three times in his parish, the Rector of Stiffkey, Norfolk, the Rev. Harold Francis Davidson, attended the resumed trial in the Consistory Court, in which he is accused or charged by the Bishop of Norwich of immoral conduct.

Several London landladies, from whom the Rector rented rooms, described his proceedings and habits. One landlady declared: "I would not admit him."

Another stated she gave the Rector notices to quit and explained that she put him out because he had young girl visitors, to which she objected, and also because he owed her £20.

FORTUNE FOR A
UNIVERSITYWILL OF MR. GEORGE
EASTMAN

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Rochester, N.Y., April 4. The will of the late Mr. George Eastman, the Kodak inventor, who ended his life last month at the age of 77, has been proved at \$20,000,000. The bulk of the fortune is left to Rochester University.

U.S. AND GOLD
STANDARD.

NO CHANGE LIKELY.

TRADE COMMISSIONER'S
VIEWS.

In spite of the many rumours to the effect that America is about to go off the gold standard, the American Trade Commissioner, Mr. Barringer, stated to-day to a *Daily Press* representative that in his opinion there was no chance of the change being made.

He further stated that during

the time between the years of 1914 and 1920, when most of the other countries were off gold, the United States continued without any apparent idea of a change. As far as can be seen there is no necessity for America to follow the other countries' example.

Mr. Barringer said that as far as most of the American people were concerned, they had become reconciled to the idea of a slump and were beginning to take a clearer view of the matter.

When questioned about the great fall in American stocks, he stated that most stocks are to-day paying 4 and 5 per cent. on capital against the 2 and 3 per cent. that was paid before the crash.

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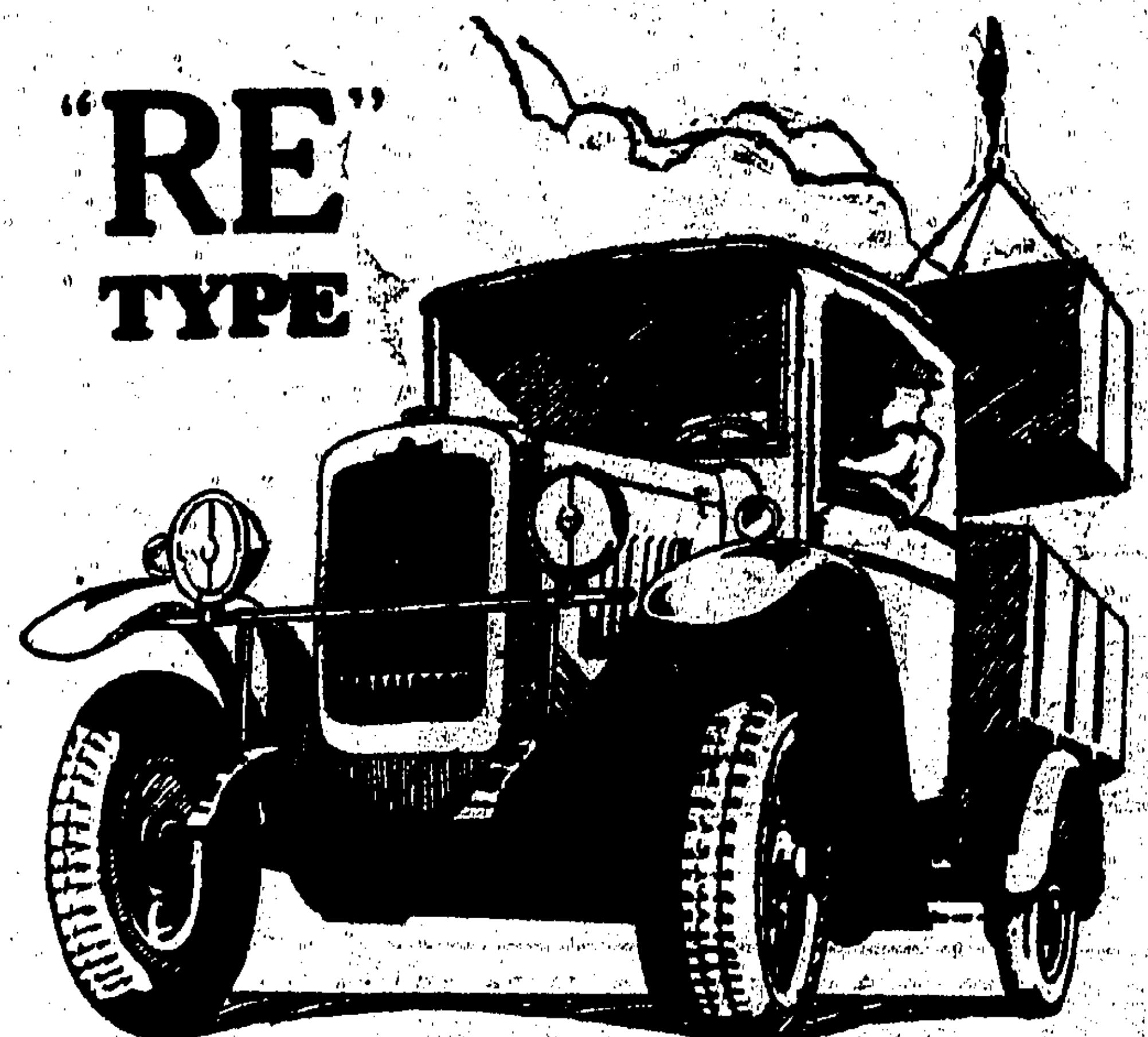
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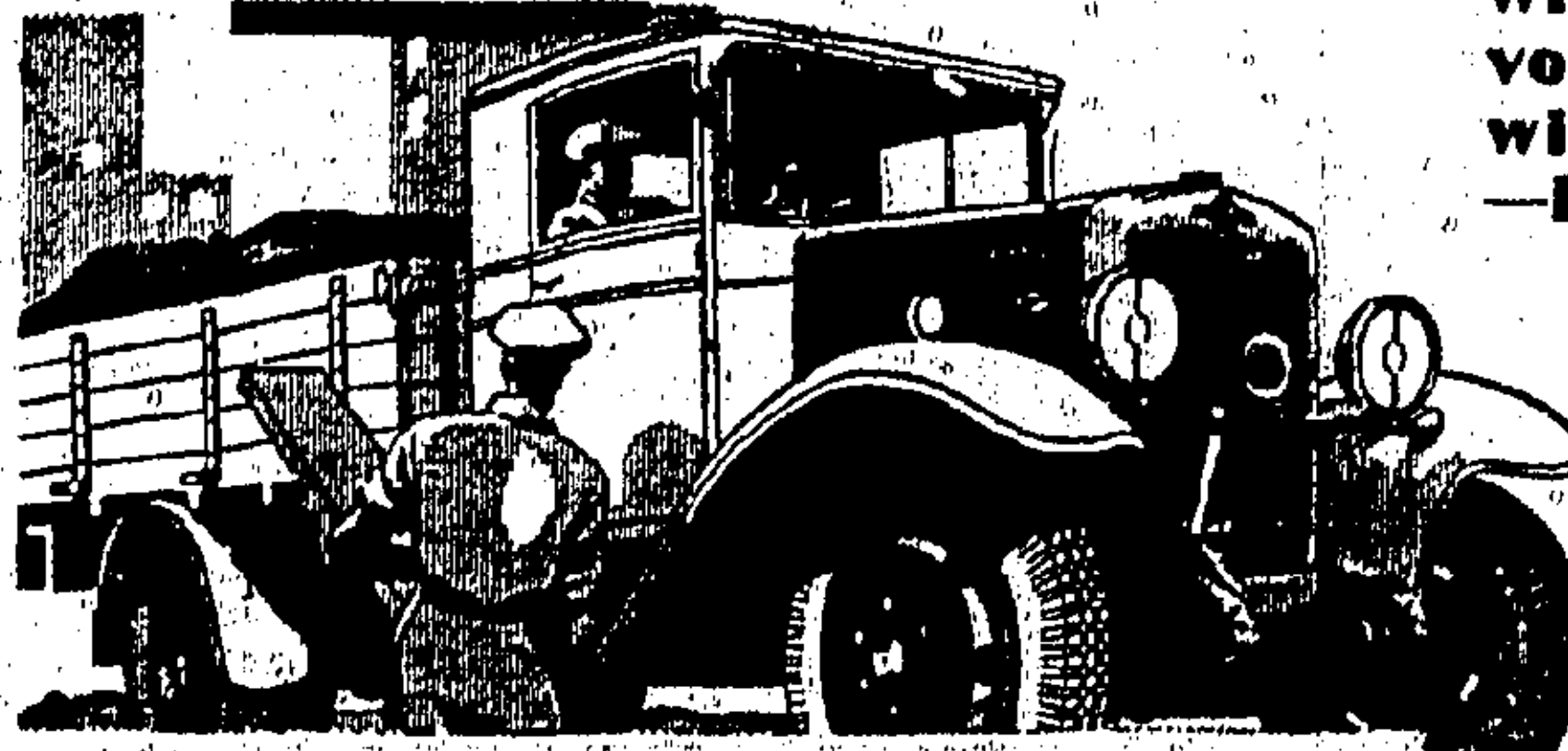
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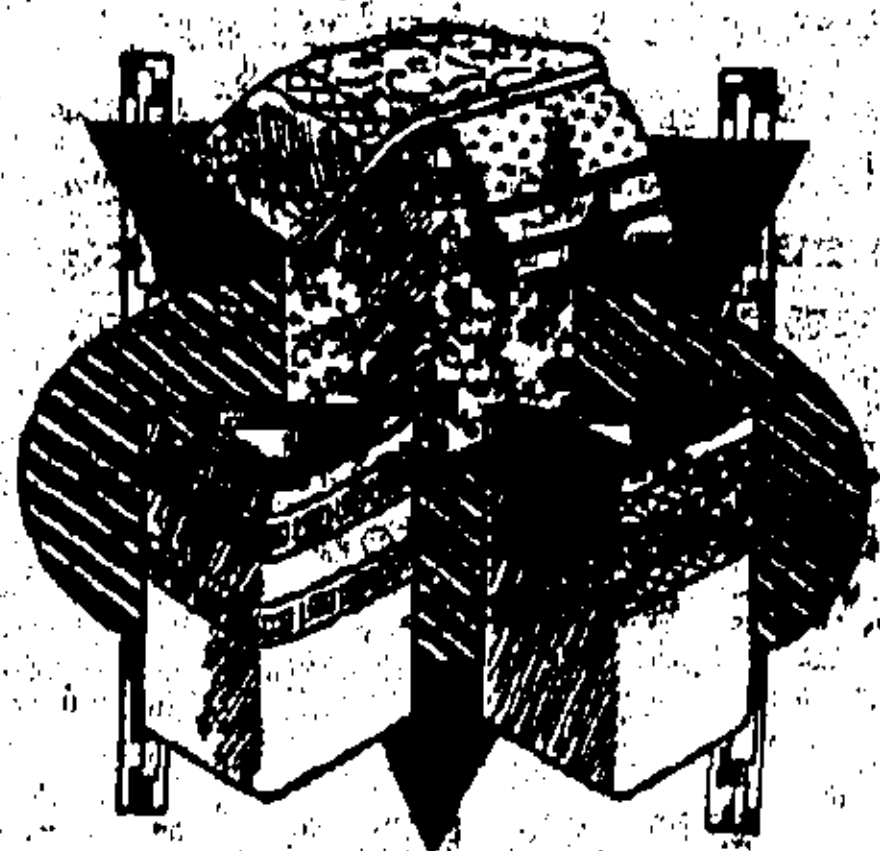
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MR. J. P. SHERRY'S ADDRESS AT THE ROTARY CLUB:
HOW AUTOMATIC CONNECTIONS ARE MADE.

HONG KONG'S REPRESENTATIVE AT THE
INTERNATIONAL ROTARY CONVENTION.

At yesterday's meeting of the Rotary Club, Mr. J. P. Sherry gave an interesting account of the functions of the dial switch in automatic telephones. A full report of his address appears below.

It was announced during the meeting that Mr. T. B. Wilson will be representing the Hong Kong Rotary Club at the International Rotary Convention in Seattle. The announcement was greeted with applause.

ANNUAL MEETING NEXT MONTH.

The Chairman welcomed the following visitors:—Rotarian Ben F. Thorpe, of Corina, California, U.S.A., Rotarian Dr. B. K. Wong, Shanghai, Rotarian W. Yinson Lee, Shanghai, Mr. R. E. Farrell, Hong Kong, Mr. D. O. de Silva, Hong Kong, Mr. W. J. Twiss and Mr. L. Laukamp of Dutch East Indies, Mr. W. E. Williams, Hong Kong, Mr. J. J. Ferris of New York City and Pay-Lieut. J. S. S. Smith, R.N., H.M.S. Devonshire.

At the request of the Chairman, Mr. Thorpe made a brief address in which he conveyed the greetings of his Club in California and expressed his pleasure at being present at a Hong Kong meeting.

The Chairman announced that, on behalf of the Club he had accepted an invitation for members to lunch on board the President Hoover next Tuesday. (Applause.) The lunch, he added, would be free. (Laughter and applause.)

Seattle Convention.

Last week it was reported, to me, continued the Chairman, that Rotarian T. B. Wilson is going on furlough earlier than first expected and that he will be available to represent us at the International Rotary Convention in Seattle. I felt sure that I should be anticipating your wishes in designating him our delegate and would ask you to confirm that action by show of hands.

"It has been brought to my attention that Article 4 of the Club Bye-Laws provides that the annual meeting of this Club shall be held during the first week in May, and Article 1 requires that at the regular meeting one month prior to the annual meeting the presiding officer shall ask for nominations by members of the Club with a view to filling the various offices. I suggest, however, that it will be more satisfactory to appoint a Nominating Committee in order that we may put before you the names of members who are actually willing to take office. I would invite a motion that a Nominating Committee be appointed."

On the proposal of Mr. P. S. Cassidy, seconded by Mr. W. H. Hall, it was agreed that the Nominating Committee should consist of the President, Treasurer, Secretaries and Rotarian McPherson.

The Chairman said: "It only remains for me to remind you that before the next meeting our esteemed friend and director Mr. B. Wyllie will have left us for Linkumoddie. I am sure all members of the Club will join with me in wishing Mr. Wyllie a very pleasant leave. I expect before long to hear that he has founded a Rotary Club in his native place, which I will not again attempt to pronounce. (Laughter.) Anyway, whatever he does, we thank him on behalf of the Club for all he has done for us and we wish him a very pleasant and happy leave and a speedy return to us with renewed health and vigour. (Applause.)"

MR. SHERRY'S ADDRESS

Mr. J. P. Sherry's speech was as follows:—There are innumerable subjects under the main heading of telephony on which one could speak but the difficulty is in choosing one which will permit of most technical treatment and, at the same time, retain its interest. I have chosen, for my talk to-day, I had in mind that it is, perhaps, the only part of the automatic equipment with which the average telephone user comes into contact, and it occurred to me that, as all Rotarians here are undoubtedly telephone users, it might be both interesting and useful if I could convey to them some know-

ledge of the operation of the dial switch and its function in positioning the various selector switches in the automatic exchange during the establishment of a connection.

With this end in view, I have had a number of dial switches distributed amongst the various tables so that my remarks will be more easily followed.

The dial switch is perhaps the simplest of the many pieces of equipment which go to the making of a complete automatic unit but, in its present form, it represents the outcome of much research work on the part of telephone engineers to design a dial which could be manufactured at a reasonable cost and, at the same time, combine with this the qualities of accuracy and reliability in operation. Laboratory tests have demonstrated that the average dial switch is capable of performing upwards of 5,000,000 operations without failure.

Definition of System.

The B.E.S.A. definition of an automatic telephone system is "a system in which the calling party is enabled without the aid of an operator to complete a call through switches remotely controlled."

It follows, therefore, that means must be provided on the telephone instruments to effect this remote control and it will be apparent that the correct functioning of the automatic system is directly dependent on the dial switch which transmits the impulses to the exchange equipment.

The main parts of the dial which can be seen on inspection consist of the finger plate which winds up a clock spring on being pulled round; the number plate; the impulse wheel; the governor which controls the speed of the dial; and two sets of spring contacts. The smaller set consists of the impulse springs and the larger is required for ensuring the correct electrical association of the impulsing contacts with the remainder of the telephone circuit so as to eliminate objectionable "clicks" in the receiver during dialling, and to arrange the available apparatus in the telephone circuit so that the best impulse form is transmitted. In effect, the receiver and transmitter are short-circuited and a condenser—which is fitted in the telephone for another purpose—is temporarily connected across the impulse contacts to prevent the induced voltage reaching a sufficiently high figure to break down the insulation. When the front circular plate with the 10 finger holes is rotated in a clockwise direction until the finger-stop is reached, it winds up a clock spring so that, when the finger is withdrawn from the finger hole, the plate returns to its normal position under the control of the speed governor. During the return of the plate, the impulse springs open and close a number of times equal to the decimal value of the digit dialled, so that if, say, the digit "5" is dialled, 5 impulses are transmitted.

The Mechanism.

Looking at the back of the dial you will observe a slipping cam, with a long projecting piece, which is held in intimate contact with the impulse wheel—the latter being the toothed wheel underneath and moves with it on rotation of the finger plate until it encounters the forward stop. When the finger plate is released, the cam returns with the impulse wheel and, until it resumes its normal position, it screens the teeth of the wheel so that until this position is reached no impulses can be transmitted. This delays the transmission of impulses for a period approximately equal to that of two impulses, and is necessary

CORRESPONDENCE.

[All letters intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, not for publication, unless so directed, but as evidence of good faith.—Ed.]

NUDISM.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."

Sir,—As an article has appeared in your to-day's issue purporting to give the decision of the Government to the application of the Hong Kong Nudist Society for an island in Hong Kong waters, to the effect that no facilities whatsoever will be afforded by the Government. I shall thank you to kindly give space to this our official statement, that no negative reply of any kind has been received by the Hong Kong Nudist Society from the Hong Kong Government, in reply to their applications for an island, and that we have no indications whatsoever that we shall not be granted the lease of the island. The article in your to-day's issue is therefore not supported by evidence in our hands. Needless to add that we are confident of our complete success.

Thanking you, I am, Yours etc.,
HERBERT E. LANEPART,
President,
Hong Kong Nudist Society.

Hong Kong, April 5, 1932.
[Mr. Lanepart can rest assured that if the Government has not yet formally turned down his application it is only a matter of time before it takes that step. There is "not a hope" for his movement, in this Colony.—Editor, H.K. Daily Press.]

in order to ensure that the switches in the exchange will be ready to receive the impulses transmitted.

The relationship between the make and break periods of an impulse—that is to say, the periods during which the impulse contacts are closed and opened—is important because the magnet responsible for operating the mechanical shaft on the switch in the exchange receives current during the break portion of an impulse whereas another piece of the electro magnetic equipment receives current during the make period.

If the break portion is shortened, the current will be prevented from rising to its full value and, if the make period is unduly shortened, the piece of apparatus which depends on the current transmitted during this period for its continued operation will release. In either case, the connection would not be satisfactorily established.

Standard Ratio of Break.

The effects of the condition of the line connecting the telephone with the exchange also result in distortion of the impulse form and, in order to allow for reasonable variations in the make and break periods, a standard ratio of break to make for impulses has been laid down. This specifies that an impulse shall have a break to make ratio of 55.0% to 33.3% of the impulse period, the normal speed of delivery of impulses being specified as 10 per second. Thus, at standard speed, a single impulse occupies 1/10th of a second of which 2/3rds is occupied by the break and 1/3rd by the exchange switches; even under adverse line conditions.

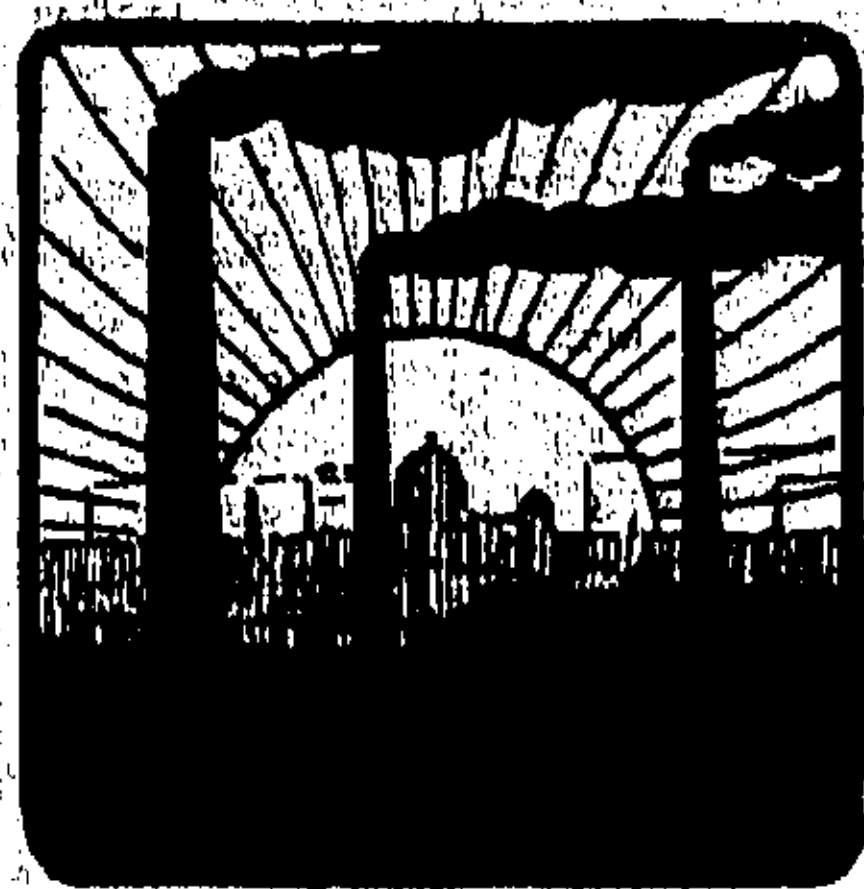
It will be noticed that the cypher has been placed after the figure "9" on the number plate because, when the figure "0" is dialled, ten impulses are transmitted. This is to enable uniformity to be observed between the number of impulses sent and the number of steps taken by the apparatus which they control, thus tending to simplification.

I will now describe briefly what happens during the setting up of a call.

On lifting the telephone receiver and before dialling commences, an electro-magnet, termed a "relay," is operated which, in turn, actuates a self-driving switch individual to each telephone number. This switch (Continued on Page 11.)

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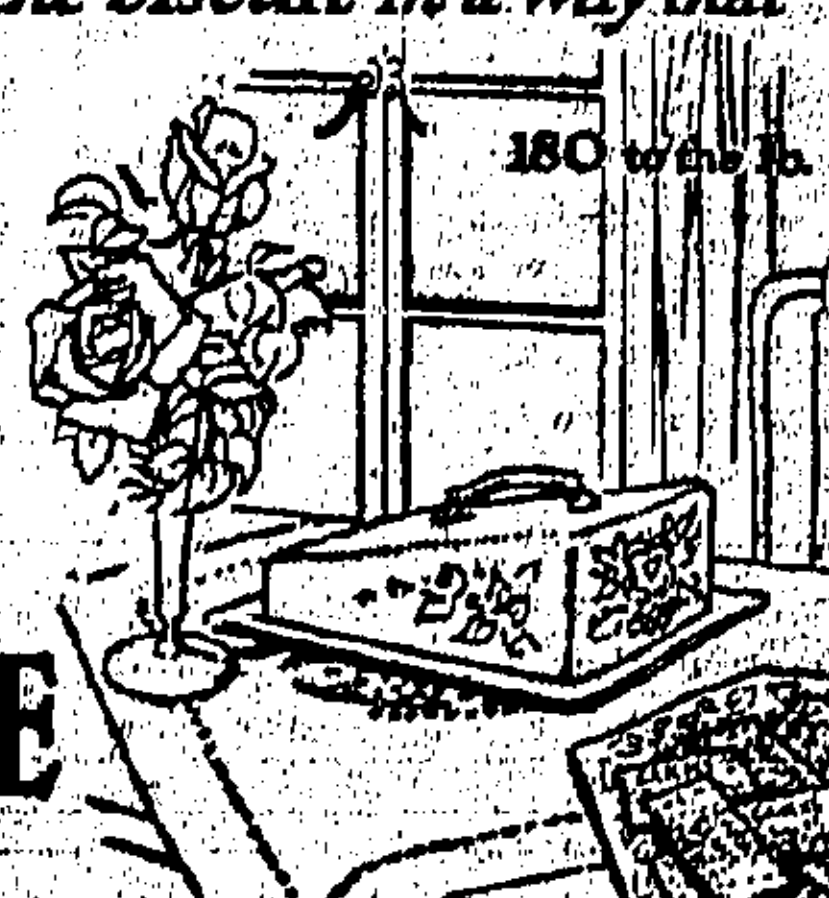
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HELENA MAY.PROF. MIDDLETON-SMITH ON
"BOOKS ON CHINA."

The 1931-1932 session of the Hong Kong English Association was brought to a successful conclusion at the Helena May Institute last evening when Professor C. A. Middleton-Smith kept a large audience deeply interested with an excellent paper on "Books on China," the text of the first part of which will be found on the front page of this issue. The remainder will be given to-morrow.

Sir William Hornell presided at the meeting, supported by Professor R.K.M. Simpson, Hon. Secretary of the Association. Also among those present were the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, Father Byrne, S. J. Mrs. P. E. Barker, M.A., and Mr. G. E. R. Clarnibut, B.A.

After Professor Middleton-Smith had concluded his address the subject was thrown open to discussion. Interesting Discussion.

Father Byrne, during the course of a brief address, expressed it as his opinion that writers on China and Chinese see their subject as it were through the coloured spectacles of their own outlook.

The Hon. Mr. Southern related his experience with regard to the book on China, "Good Earth." He himself thought it a very good work, but on asking the opinion of a European friend, in whose judgment he had much confidence, he was told that it did not portray a correct view of Chinese life. Shortly afterwards there happened to be passing through the Colony a very well educated and clever Chinese gentleman, and to him he lent the book and again asked for an opinion on it. The Chinese friend remarked that the book was an extraordinarily good book and a real picture of Chinese life.

Tea on the Peak!

Mrs. P. E. Barker, called upon to address the gathering by Sir William Hornell, referred to her favourite books on China, and in particular to "Sun Yat Sen" by Father Dalia, S.J., which gives an excellent analysis of the principles of Sun Yat Sen. Mrs. Barker warned those present against novels on China. The last one she read made the hero and heroine take a taxi up to the Peak Hotel for tea, which she thought was rather a good touch!

Professor Simpson said he agreed with what Father Byrne had said, that people will see in China mainly what is in their own minds. Regarding writers on China, Professor Giles has written 30 or 40 books on the subject, one of the best of which is the "History of Chinese Literature." He usually warned people not to read histories of literature for themselves, but this particular book as well as being very interesting gave a good knowledge of the Chinese mind.

Professor Middleton-Smith answered the speakers, and dealt with several points raised by them, after which Sir William Hornell remarked that although he feared he was out of order in speaking after the Professor had answered the commentators he would like to say that China, like India, was not one country but many countries; not one civilisation but many civilisations. To understand India you must understand the Hindu, and he thought that there were certain fundamental ideas underlying the Hindu which were common to all the race, and he believed the same might be said of China. He proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the speaker, which was carried with acclamation.

Secretary Thanked.

The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern said that he thought they should suitably thank their Hon. Secretary, Professor R.K.M. Simpson, who had worked very hard in the interests of the Association, and had in the main been responsible for the success of the past session (Applause).

Sir William Hornell associated himself with what Mr. Southern had said, and said that the address delivered during the 1931-1932 session were now in print, and members might obtain one copy free of charge. Extra copies for members and copies for the public might be obtained at a cost of \$1 each.

The meeting, and the session for 1931-1932, was then declared at an end.

H. K. ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION
CO., LTD.THE HON. MR. J. P. BRAGA PRESIDES AT ANNUAL
MEETING.COMPANY RETAINS CLIENTS DESPITE KEEN
COMPETITION.

Presiding yesterday at the annual general meeting of The Hongkong Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd., which was held in the Board Room of Messrs. Shaw, Tomes & Company, Ltd., the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga gave a very satisfactory review of the working for the past year. The chairman remarked on the keenness of competition in the present day but said that he was happy to be able to say that despite this the Company has retained its clients.

NEW GARDEN SCHEME IN KOWLOON.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

Mr. Braga said: It is gratifying to the Board to be able to put before you a Statement of Accounts for 1931 showing a credit balance brought forward from Working Account of \$103,111.84, after charging Depreciation of \$10,433.00. Adding Interest earned and Transfer Fees received and allowing for Managing Director's salary, Directors' and Auditors' fees we arrive at a net profit for the year of \$99,268.53. This result was attained from a combination of fortunate circumstances, principal among which was the abnormal building activity throughout the year.

I need only quote an extract from the report of the Public Works Department for 1930 to show how fortunate the Company has been to find conditions as favourable as they were for successful operation during 1931. The report of the Hon. the Director of Public Works stated that "great activity in all classes of building works continued throughout the year under review. Construction of Chinese tenement houses proceeded apace on the Praya East Reclamation, no fewer than 245 houses being completed up to date, with an even greater number in course of construction." Great as was the activity displayed to the end of 1930, it suffered no diminution in the course of the twelve months under review. There was practically no cessation in the erection of Chinese tenement houses in the particular district referred to and we were favoured by our valued constituents and Chinese friends with contracts that kept our equipments fully employed from beginning to end of the year. I wish it were possible for your Directors to report a continuance of this activity. This optimism, however, is denied us; for there are not wanting signs of saturation point having been reached, for the time being at any rate. On the other hand, your Board will be ever alive to opportunities that may present themselves for profitable undertakings for which your Company is especially equipped.

Competition Intensified.

When addressing you last year, I made reference to the keen competition your Company has had to contend with. That competition has, if anything, been intensified. Certain owners give preference to wood piles because of their lower prices. Whether timber value is obtained from wood piles to that given by cement concrete piles is a question on which, I think, there can exist no two varying views. More and more have our esteemed clients, the Chinese owners, who have had experience of comparative values, realised the worth of our system of piling. In one locality, in particular, it is no exaggeration to state that the "Franklin" system has been adopted to an extent of over 75 per cent. of the foundations of buildings on which the superstructure has been built. In this connection it may interest shareholders to have read to them an extract from a technical magazine published in England. That magazine is known as "Concrete" and is considered the best of its kind in the profession. The extract, to which attention may be usefully drawn, emphasizes the fact that:—

"Piles driven for the Admiralty in Hong Kong, where the soil is very poor, carried a load of 100 tons with a settlement of only 1/32 inch, although their length was only 23 feet. After removal of the load the pile returned to

its original position. Under one warehouse there are 177 piles carrying 70 tons each, and it is remarkable that their lengths are only 15 feet to 18 feet, although borings to a depth of 75 feet failed to show the existence of any reliable bottom."

You will, no doubt, wish for some comments on the Balance Sheet. The most salient feature on the Assets side is a new item appearing, as "K. I. L. 2637 Development—cost to date, \$261,601.28." This is a large plot of land containing some 30 acres situated at the junction of Argyle Street and Waterloo Road at Kowloon. It was acquired, as you all know, at public auction for the sum of \$293,000.00. The land was purchased in agreement with the Mission Etrangere, the Corporation has paid its proportion of the purchase price. The work of forming and levelling the site, including the portion which the French Mission owns, will be carried out by the Company.

To enable your Company to proceed with this enterprise which has large possibilities for the future of the Company, authority was obtained from the shareholders to increase the Capital of the Company from \$200,000.00 to \$1,000,000.00, the amount of new capital being \$800,000.00, of which the first instalment of \$100,000.00 has been called up. The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G., very kindly accepted your Company's invitation to perform the ceremony of turning the first sod in connection with your promising scheme. The ceremony took place on the 10th January. The General Lay-out Plan is one that offers the most economical and as your Directors hope, the most profitable development of the site to the benefit of shareholders. Already work has been commenced in connection with the quarrying of the stones within the area, and as soon as the plans are finally passed by the authorities tenders will be called for levelling and forming the area. As doubts may exist as to the formation levels which it may be desirable to secure to the best and most lucrative advantage, I would like to state, on behalf of your Board, that there is no intention of cutting down the whole area to road level. The formation level will average about 100 feet above O.D. and will approximate the level of that of the Kowloon Hospital on the east side of Waterloo Road. The highest building lots will be at an elevation of 115 feet, or nearly that of the Diocesan Boys' School to the west of your site.

Development of Kowloon.

Your Directors are convinced that the development of Kowloon and its growing popularity as a residential area with the middle classes of the community are factors that cannot fail to contribute to the enhancement of the "great value of this unique property when finally developed and built upon."

Excluding Cash with Bankers standing at \$84,071.54 the next largest item appearing among your Assets is the value of the Company's investments. These investments were acquired at a cost of \$65,364.45, the market value of which on December 31 last was \$75,750.00, a difference of \$10,385.55. As this profit is not a realised one it has not been brought into account for last year. Present indications are that, if the necessary arose for selling your investments, it might be done at a profit approximating 20 per cent. of their cost.

I do not think you wish me to detail each item of depreciation of the plant and machinery comprising our Assets. The figures appearing in the Balance Sheet testify to the provision of very liberal allowance for writing off in pursuance of a policy with which the Board thinks, no fault can be found.

The Company's cash position will, I hope, be considered satisfactory, inasmuch as, apart from the value of investments I have just mentioned, there was a credit balance at Current Accounts with your Bankers on December 31 of \$84,071.54. These amounts are available, it should be noted, after the entire cost of K.I.L. 2637 had been paid to Government within three days of the sale and purchase of the property, as stipulated in the Conditions of Sale.

It will be noted on the Liability side that the 4,500 unallotted "Old" shares of the company were disposed of in the course of last year at a profit of \$44,165.00, thus bringing the fully paid shares to the total of 100,000 shares. This share premium has not been credited to Profit and Loss Account. It is worthy of note that the \$44,165.00, together with the proceeds (\$8,098.98) of sale of plant written off the books last year, making a total of \$52,263.98, have been passed to General Reserve, which is now represented by the substantial sum of \$72,593.46.

On the "New Shares, 320,684 were allotted and the first instalment of 25 cents on each share duly paid. 59,476 shares of the "New" Issue which shareholders outside the Far East were entitled to, were applied for and allotted in due course. There remain 13,840 shares of the New Issue for which no application has yet been received from shareholders.

Before leaving the subject of the New Shares, it is permissible to lay stress on the fact that the dividend which it is recommended to pay to shareholders will be paid also on the New Shares, the money obtained from which is earmarked for the purchase and development of K.I.L. 2637. This land and building scheme has not yet had time to earn any revenue and yet a part of the capital subscribed therefor by shareholders will, subject to your approval of the proposed appropriation, participate in the profits of last year's trading.

In the course of the year Mr. J. T. Bagram resigned from the Board and Mr. Lo Cheung Shiu, who had acted as alternate director for Sir Robert Ho Tung during the latter's absence from the Colony from March 18 to September 20, 1931, was invited to join the Board in his own right. Mr. Lo Cheung Shiu's appointment requires your confirmation.

Dividend for New Shares.

Before formally proposing the division of profits decided upon by the Board, an explanation is called for. Subject to your approval, 20 per cent will be paid in respect of 95,500 "Old" shares for the whole of the year 1931, and on 4,500 shares from date of allotment, viz., August 28, 1931. The dividend for these latter shares will amount to 14 cents per share. As to the New Issue shares, dividend has been calculated to the nearest fraction of a cent, viz., 14 cents for each of the New Issue shares as from date of allotment, viz., October 1, 1931. The "New" shares applied for by shareholders residing outside the Far East will rank for dividend as from January 1 of this year.

I am sorry if I have detained you unduly long; but so many and so varied have been the subjects to be dealt with in the review of the Company's activities for the past year that your Board feel it is their duty to present to shareholders as complete a survey of the Company's operations as their importance deserves. At the same time if shareholders feel that any further information should be supplemented on points that have not been sufficiently brought to their notice, it will afford me much pleasure to add such information if questions are asked after the Resolutions I propose moving has been seconded.

I now formally move that the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year 1931 be adopted as presented and that the Balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account of \$128,650.13 be dealt with as follows:—

(Continued on next Column.)

OBITUARY.

OLD RESIDENT PASSES
AWAY.MR. GEORGE TSAMCHA-
COPOULOS.

The death occurred on Monday morning of Mr. George Tsamchacopoulos, an old resident of the Colony, who had been here for over thirty years. Mr. Tsamchacopoulos was over 70 years of age and was the founder of the Græco-Egyptian Tobacco Store, in which he relinquished his interest about 15 years ago, since when he has acted as a property broker.

The deceased was known popularly among his friends as "George" and his death has removed a familiar figure from our midst. The funeral took place on Monday evening at Happy Valley, where it was attended by a large number of his friends.

MR. E. J. MOTHERSILL.

Mr. Edgar J. Mothersill, who has been prominent in piece goods circles in the Far East for more than 10 years, passed away at the French Hospital yesterday morning following a short illness.

A Manchester man, the deceased had been connected with the firm of Messrs. Edward Whelan & Sons, Ltd., for more than thirty years and had been to many parts of the Far East. Mr. Mothersill three years ago was stationed in Hong Kong as the acting manager of the Hong Kong branch of the firm. He was very well-known in Shanghai, from which port he arrived early last week to spend a brief holiday in the Colony. He was taken ill on Saturday and was sent to hospital where death intervened. He was 52 years of age.

SECONDER'S SPEECH.

In rising to second the resolution, Mr. K. Stuart Smith said:—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen—Before formally seconding the adoption of the report and accounts, I think I shall be voicing the views of a number of shareholders if I express ready approval of the cautious policy which has been applied to the appropriation of the funds at our disposal. I doubt there can be anything but satisfaction with the amount of the dividend distribution, and shareholders will doubtless notice that, despite the measured pessimism which has been applied to existing prospects, and the consequent ample appropriations to reserve and carry forward, the Board have yet considered a substantial increase in dividend to be justified.

Meanwhile I think it only due to the Board to offer them our congratulations on the successful results they now place before us. I have now the pleasure to second the adoption of the report and accounts as presented. This was carried unanimously.

Other Business.

On the proposal of Mr. F. L. Silva, seconded by Mr. A. A. Botelho, the appointment of Mr. Lo Cheung-shiu as a Director was confirmed by the meeting.

The re-election of Sir Robert Ho Tung and Sir Elly Kadoorie as Directors was moved by Mr. Noel Braga and, seconded by Mr. Chan Man-kei, it was carried unanimously.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected Auditors on the proposal of Mr. M. H. Lo, seconded by Mr. A. H. Basto.

Those Present.

Supporting the Chairman were the following Directors: Messrs. J. Scott-Harston, and Lo Cheung-shiu; Mr. A. R. F. Raven (General Works Manager); and Mr. B. Alves (Secretary).

Shareholders present were Messrs. H. J. M. de Figueiredo, A. H. Basto, M. H. Lo, Chan Man-kei, A. A. Botelho, J. V. Braga, Noel Braga, F. L. Silva, C. P. Marques, J. M. de Silva, Joseph Gould, R. Stuart-Smith, A. M. Braga, J. M. J. Alves, A. O. Greaves, Chan Mamon, and Choy Wing-hay.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 12th April to 21st April, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
W. L. ALEXANDER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1932. [2056]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 11th DAY of APRIL, 1932, at 8 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Prince Edward Road, Kowloon City, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square Feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
1	New Kowloon Island, Lot No. 1814, Prince Edward Road, Kowloon City.	As per sale plan.	About 9250	103	13,975

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 11th DAY of APRIL, 1932, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Kowloon Tong, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square Feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
2	New Kowloon Island, Lot No. 1820, West of New Kowloon Island, Lots Nos. 1820 and 1821, Kowloon Tong.	As per sale plan.	About 29,840	340	14,260

THE FANLING HUNT AND RACE CLUB.

THE Steeplechase Meeting arranged for the 17th instant has been cancelled.

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DEATHS.

MOTHERSILL.—At the French Hospital, on April 4, in his 62nd year, Mr. EDGAR J. MOTHERSILL, of Messrs. Edward Whelan & Sons, Ltd. (Shanghai papers please copy). [2037]

BREHM.—On March 23, at Shanghai, WILLIAM JENNINGS BREHM, aged 33 years.

BLACKMON.—On March 23, in Shanghai, HAYWARD JOSEPH BLACKMON, mm/2-c., U.S.S. Houston.

BRANGAN.—On March 20, at Los Angeles, Cal., FRANK A. BRANGAN, late of Shanghai.

DUNN.—On March 29, at Shanghai, Pte. J. DUNN, 1st Wiltshire Regt.

HENRY.—On March 30, at Shanghai, HENRY HENRY, aged 26 years. Dearest-beloved daughter of Mr. J. Lindsey Henry.

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AMERICA AND THE PHILIPPINES.

Congress has passed a Bill which provides for the independence of the Philippine Islands within eight years. The measure has still to go through the Senate and receive the approval of the President before it becomes law. If the President exercises his veto—no very unusual act—the Bill is returned to Congress where it then has to secure a two-thirds majority if it is to survive. Moreover, the measure can at any time be revoked within the probationary period. Independence of the Philippines is, therefore, a long way below the horizon despite the approval of Congress.

The great reason for America wishing to cut the Philippines adrift is that, as a dependency, some degree of favour must be extended to sugar produced in the Islands, and already America produces all the best sugar she wants and can get her requirements of cane sugar from Hawaii and Cuba. The Philippine product is, therefore, a superfluity and by way of being something of a liability.

Despite this serious economic consideration Mr. STIMSON, who was for a short time Governor-General of the Islands, has unequivocally denounced the action of Congress and declares that such a step would impair American prestige in the Far East. He also states that he is of opinion that if the leadership of the United States is withdrawn "economic chaos and political and social anarchy will result,

followed ultimately by the domination of the Philippines by a foreign Power, probably China or Japan."

The population of the Philippines is put at about ten millions of whom ninety per cent. are Filipinos and ten per cent. Spaniards, Chinese and Americans. Political control, by virtue of numbers, would pass to the Filipinos, in the event of independence being granted, and the educated section is quite active enough in public affairs to keep matters in its own hands. The Filipino population is not, however, homogeneous. There are several tribes and acute religious differences. The proud and warlike Moros of the South are of the Mohammedan faith. They would resent control by Filipinos of other tribes and Christian belief. They would present a constant menace to the peace of the islands and their invasion of the Taglo country in the latter part of last century has by no means been forgotten, though the American Army has forcibly taken away and buried the proverbial hatchet. Nor do the difficulties end there. A large portion of the business of the Islands is carried on by Chinese and Japanese, who have a far greater aptitude for commerce than the native population. Colonel STIMSON had this undoubtedly in mind when he prophesied complications with China and Japan in the event of American evacuation.

Manila would also present a problem of its own. There is in the Islands this one big city, built and managed on European lines, and concentrating within itself business and property representing a vast outlay of capital. No doubt the American interest in Manila would demand safeguards in the form of international status, perhaps on the model of Shanghai. Filipino politicians would, however, regard the gift of the Philippines without Manila as a wedding minus the bride.

It is always hard to deny to high-minded patriots, like the leaders of the Philippines Independence Movement, the realization of their aims and their vision, but in view of the grave internal problems of the Islands, the need for settled government if economic development is to progress, and the difficult strategic problems involved, it will be well both for the Philippines, and for the whole of the Far East, if America continues to discharge the responsibilities involved by her present administration of the archipelago.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Hong Kong dollar dropped to 1s. 2½d. on demand yesterday.

The quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals from Amoy on account of small-pox have been removed.

It is alleged that the driver of a motor lorry which knocked down a woman stonebreaker at the junction of Kilung and Boundary Street, absconded immediately after the accident. The driver is unlicensed and the police are looking out for him.

Two cases of small-pox, 1 of diphtheria, 5 of enteric fever and 1 of cerebro-spinal fever were reported on Monday. During last week there were 9 cases (8 deaths) of small-pox, 4 cases of diphtheria, 3 deaths from enteric fever, 13 cases (1 death) of cerebro-spinal fever and 43 deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis.

Major-General E. E. Booth and Mrs. Booth arrived in the Colony by the a.s. President Hoover, en route to Manila, where Major-General Booth will assume duties as Commander-General of the U.S. Army in the Philippines. Major-General Booth will be relieving Major-General Heins, who is retiring.

ACROSS HAINAN BY MOTOR BUS.

CHAUFFEUR TAKES NO CHANCE ON LONELY ROADS.

WALLED TOWNS AND WATCH TOWERS STILL NEEDED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

KACHAK, March 28. A trip from Kachak, on the eastern side of Hainan, to Nodan on the west, by motor, is an interesting jaunt, which your correspondent recently had occasion to take. The road from Kachak to Hoihow was in excellent condition, as usual, if the weather is not too wet, and the trip of about seventy miles was made in slightly over three hours. We were travelling in a market car, a Chevrolet touring car, and the only time lost on the road was at the toll stations and at the ferry, where the chauffeur, mechanic and most of the passengers ate their rice while we waited our turn at the crossing. The crops around Kachak were in very good shape but beyond the watershed towards the north coast were showing need of rain.

The 'Bus and its Cargo.

The journey from Hoihow to Nodan was also made by market car, again a Chevrolet. This particular car was originally a big 'bus. It suffered considerable damage from robbers and vandals at various times and was not a paying proposition as a passenger car only. So it has been remodelled, has a narrow compartment behind the front seat with one long seat for passengers, and the back and top are used for freight. We were told the night before to be ready at eight o'clock the next morning, but at seven received a hurried summons. We hastily appeared and secured our seats with the driver. The car then proceeded leisurely around the streets of Hoihow, picking up passengers, freight and various purchases made for people along the route, and did not leave until nine. The load consisted of the driver and three passengers on the front seat, five passengers and their impedimenta on the second seat, and one passenger sitting on a bedding roll between the two seats. The top over this front section of the car is strongly made of wood, which was fortunate, as it was piled high with baggage and the man in charge of the freight was perched here also. The back was piled with more baggage, freight which included several bales of cotton and cases of gasoline, and six or eight assorted sizes of passengers. The fenders carried more baggage and freight and the owner stood on the running board. This road is in very poor shape. Theoretically it is kept up by the road companies from the toll paid, but practically very little is done to it, although it is the motor route to three district cities—Kim-kiang, the "county-seat" of Ching-mai district, and Limko and Dunchow cities. The chauffeur explained the toll system to us as follows. The distance from Hoihow to Nodan is figured as thirty (some ninety-one miles by actual speedometer record). Toll is charged at the rate of seven cents a po per passenger or per hundred catties of freight.

HAINAN NOTES.

NEW SCHOOL UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

MISSION HOLDS "RETREAT."

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

KACHAK, March 31. In 1928 the middle school in the market decided to put up a new building on an open upland half a mile from the market, across a small stream from the American Presbyterian Mission compound. Walls were put up for the first storey of a fairly large rectilinear building, but money was not sufficient to do more at the time and the unfinished structure has stood there on the plain, deserted except for the caretaker busy about his little garden patch or the cowherds whiling away the hours in the shadow of the walls as the cows grazed.

Work on School.

Last year it was seen that the continued weathering was causing noticeable deterioration in the brick work already done and plans were laid to complete the building. According to one of the teachers in the school, \$3,000 was received from the provincial treasury (this is the Thirteenth Provincial Middle School), something over \$2,000 was received from the sale of the old

but a car carrying ten people would pay for only six. Communists tore up the bridges and ditched the roads so that they were impassable for motor traffic from September, 1930, to April, 1931, and now bridges are in bad shape or missing. Cars make precarious passages down winding trails to cross deep gullies or small streams, sometimes on makeshift bridges and sometimes fording the water, and crawl wearily up the steep grade on the other side. Cart tracks cut deep ruts that are a snare to the unwary driver, and hard rains wash gullies everywhere or make potholes that jar the cars badly. A long detour is necessary along a stretch of road torn up by communists, and the detour is only a cart track, and goes through a crowded, uneven market street. Our exceedingly competent little chauffeur swung his car along at good speed where possible and the trip was made in a little over seven hours, with delays at toll stations, and one stop for food, and the unloading of most of the passengers and freight at Nodan. As we bounced over the last fifteen miles or so in the nearly empty car, and as we made the return trip to Hoihow a few days later in a Ford sedan, we realized the advantage of a heavy car, heavily loaded, on such roads.

I Never Stop on this Road.

As we rumbled along a lonely stretch of upland road three men came in sight. They had the appearance of ordinary wayfarers and held their hands up as a signal to stop the car. The chauffeur stepped on the gas and whizzed by, calling out "No room" as he passed. "I never stop on this road. Last fall some men stopped us and then pulled guns out of their wicker handbags. I just dodged the shot that injured the man behind me so badly that he finally died. They robbed the passengers and the car of everything worth taking. So I don't stop on this road."

Forts and Walls.

Along the almost treeless coastal plain twenty-odd miles west of Hoihow villages are clustered here and there. From one place we could count ten watch tower-forts, all newly built, and the towns were walled. It is said that these villages are very well-to-do but all their wealth is in land and they keep almost no ready money on hand, for fear of robbers. Toward Nodan the country looks as quiet as usual, as there has been no communist trouble there, but occasionally a pedestrian is held up and robbed or an attempt at kidnapping made. The crops on the west side of the island are more flourishing than usual because of the abundant winter rains. Nodan market has caught the fever and widened its streets, consequently raising the height of shops and remodeling many of them.

dormitories to the theatre company, and a like amount saved from the current budget of the school last year, and the second storey and roof are now rapidly nearing completion. The plan is to hold the senior middle school classes in this building and eventually to transfer the whole school to this new location. At present the school has only junior and senior middle school classes, but expects to add a sixth year higher primary class in order to provide opportunity to practice teaching for the students in the normal classes.

Reds Still Active.

Communist-bandit activities continue. One night recently a band of propagandists scattered Communist handbills all through the market. Some one gave an alarm and the soldiers opened fire with machine guns, but there were no casualties. Gunshot cases are brought to the hospital frequently, sometimes from one direction and sometimes from another, and the villagers still have no sense of security.

Hainan Mission "Retreat."

All the members of the American Presbyterian Mission now on the field gathered at Nodan, March 13 to 16, for a "Retreat." The Rev. Bugland Showell, B.S., representative of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of England, on the faculty of Lingnan University, Canton, conducted the meetings, which were greatly enjoyed and appreciated.

VILLAGE ROAD MURDER.

YOUNG CHINESE FACES SERIOUS CHARGE.

NO BAIL ALLOWED.

The murder, recently, of Mr. George Fung, at Village Road, was recalled at Central Magistracy yesterday when a young Chinese named Cheng Kwok Yau, 20 years of age, described as of independent means, was brought before Mr. E. I. Wynne Jones.

The charge against Cheng was one of being an accessory before the fact, by "counselling, procuring or commanding certain persons to murder the late Mr. George Fung at Village Road on March 24, last."

Mr. R. E. Lindsell (Assistant Attorney-General) appeared for the Crown and Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton was for the defence.

Mr. Brutton entered a plea of not guilty on behalf of the prisoner.

Question of Bail.

His Worship:—It's a question of fixing a date for the hearing?

Mr. Lindsell:—On behalf of the Crown, sir, I ask for a week's formal remand without bail.

Mr. Brutton:—As the charge, as framed I think it is admissible to bail. The only cases in which bail is not permitted are treason and murder, and this is practically conspiracy, as framed, and, therefore your Worship, I think, he is entitled to bail. Of course admittedly it

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.10 p.m., stated:—

Shallow depressions are indicated over Indo-China, the Eastern Sea, and S. Manchuria. Local Forecast:—S.E. winds, moderate; cloudy, some fog.

would have to be in a large amount.

His Worship:—What amount would you suggest?

Mr. Brutton:—I think that is for the Crown to suggest. I would suggest something like \$20,000 or \$30,000.

His Worship (to Mr. Lindsell):—Do you object to really heavy bail?

Crown Objection.

Mr. Lindsell:—I object to bail, although I admit that the charge as it stands at present is vague. It was framed by the police without it having been shown to me.

The Assistant Attorney-General went on to say that it was an indictment of being an accessory before the fact of murder, which was a capital offence. Mr. Brutton was not quite correct when he said that bail was not permitted in murder charges, although it was extremely rare.

Mr. Brutton replied that his Worship had no power to grant bail in murder cases; only a Judge at the Supreme Court possessed that power.

His Worship:—It is in my discretion to grant bail.

No Bail.

Mr. Brutton:—I think it is in your discretion to grant bail. I admit it would have to be a very large amount.

Mr. Lindsell remarked that the charge was not one of conspiracy to murder. He did not like the wording, and would probably amend the charge at the next hearing, but he opposed bail.

His Worship refused bail. The accused was remanded formally for one week.

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INDIAN CONSTABLE FOUND SHOT.

EARLY MORNING INCIDENT IN KOWLOON.

ASSAILANT ESCAPES.

Jawala Singh, an Indian constable attached to the Samsui Police Station, was fired upon with a revolver and seriously injured in the early hours of Tuesday morning in Boundary Street.

It would appear that the constable was resisted when he attempted to search a suspected person whom he found crouching at the rear of a flower garden just off Leichikok Road, at 3 a.m. in the morning.

The injured constable approached the suspect and was about to search him when the man grappled with the constable and during the struggle succeeded in drawing the latter's revolver, with which he fired two shots into the body of the unfortunate policeman.

Shot Through Stomach.

The assailant then made good his escape and the constable was later found and sent to Kowloon Hospital where he was immediately operated upon. It was found that one bullet had passed through the stomach piercing the intestine in several places and was lodged in the spine. This bullet was extracted. The second bullet also entered the body and had shattered the right thigh bone.

A reward of \$250 has been offered by Police Headquarters for the arrest of the Chinese, who is described as being a big man dressed in white clothing.

SERIOUS POSITION AT SHANGHAI

TO-DAY'S PEACE CONFERENCE MAY CAUSE CRISIS

CHINESE MAY WITHDRAW FROM NEGOTIATIONS

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, April 5.

WEDNESDAY'S SESSION OF THE PEACE CONFERENCE MAY PROVE TO BE THE MOST MOMENTOUS SINCE THE INCEPTION OF CONVERSATIONS WHICH HAVE LASTED A FORTNIGHT.

INCREASING CHINESE PUBLIC AGITATION FOR THE UNCONDITIONAL JAPANESE WITHDRAWAL, AND THE THREATENED RESIGNATION OF QUO TAI CHI, CONSTITUTE GRAVE FACTORS WHICH MAY PRECIPITATE THE CRISIS, CULMINATING IN THE POSSIBLE WITHDRAWAL OF CHINESE DELEGATES FROM THE CONFERENCE.

NANKING AGAINST MILITIA

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, April 5.

The Government has issued a stern order prohibiting the organisation of Volunteer Corps and Militia.

The order states that the Government has received many requests from various parts of the country to organise such forces, in view of Japanese aggression in China, but permission has been refused as otherwise the people would be free to organise military units, which would enable them to ignore the orders of the Government.

The order points out that three men recently "assumed rank" as Commanders of Militia in Shanghai, and declares that any such organisations must be immediately disbanded.

NO MORE CONCESSIONS BY JAPAN

By Japan

Tokyo, April 5.

It is semi-officially stated that the Government in reply to a request by the Japanese Minister, Mr. Shigemitsu, for instructions regarding questions of a time and

SHANGHAI SHARE MARKET CRASH

4 LAKH LOSS BY T.S. 300 A MONTH CLERK

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, April 5.

An echo of the share market crash of three years ago was heard in the British Supreme Court, when a public examination was conducted of the business affairs of Meyer Solomon. The testimony disclosed that Solomon was a clerk receiving three hundred taels monthly, and whose failure amounted to nearly four lakhs of taels.

Sharp tiffs were exchanged between Rosenfeld, a prominent broker, and Solomon.

References were made to the slump and boom in Ewas.

The debtor admitted that he was tempted by small profits in trade.

MANCHURIAN CUSTOMS

A JAPANESE DENIAL

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, April 5.

The Sino-Japanese dispute is momentarily in suspense as far as the League is concerned, though the upshot of the Shanghai negotiations are awaited with much interest.

The special committee of the League Assembly dealing with the Far East meets on April 11, in order to review the position.

The Japanese delegation has denied to Sir Eric Drummond the Chinese allegations that Japanese authorities have taken measures to seize the Manchurian Customs revenue or to regulate appointments to the Customs staff.

These questions, the Japanese Note states are within the competence of the Manchurian Government. The Note also refutes rumours of a proposed Customs Union between Japan and Manchuria.

INDEPENDENCE OF THE PHILIPPINES

MR. STIMSON DISAPPROVES

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, April 4. A remarkable letter by Mr. H. L. Stimson, Secretary of State, and former Governor-General of the Philippines, vigorously attacking the members of Congress sponsoring the Philippine Independence Bill, caused a sensation in political circles to-day.

In spite of the attack, however, the House of Representatives passed the Bill which provides for the independence of the Philippines within eight years.

While farmers are delighted at the passage of the Bill, hoping it will mean the imposition of tariffs on Philippine products now admitted to the United States duty free, serious objections are raised in other quarters.

Economic and Social Chaos.

The objections are headed by Mr. Stimson, who in a remarkable letter published to-day expresses the opinion that if the leadership of the United States is withdrawn economic chaos and political and social anarchy will result, followed ultimately by the domination of the Philippines by a foreign Power, probably China or Japan.

Mr. Stimson declares that for the United States to free the Philippines would be a demonstration of cowardice and futility, inevitably impairing the United States' moral prestige in the Far East for the action would appear like the abandonment of a word which the United States has undertaken to protect.

MR. STIMSON CRITICISED

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, April 5.

Mr. Stimson's letter on the Philippine independence was widely given prominence in this evening's papers.

Official quarters appear to be surprised at the House's passage of the Harco Bill, as it was never regarded that the question of independence was a practical proposition in the near future.

Mr. Stimson's fear regarding Japan, if independence was granted, is declared to be unfounded. The belief is expressed that Japan will willingly enter a pact guaranteeing the Philippine independence, if America so desired.

Surprise is expressed at the "imperialistic" tone of Mr. Stimson's letter which had called forth the comment that it is "difficult to believe it was written by the same writer as the recent letter to Mr. Borah."

GERMAN ELECTION

NAZIS RECEIVE A "SLAP IN THE FACE"

(Reuter's Special Service.)

BERLIN, April 5.

While still in the heights of elation over the promise of the ex-Crown Prince's vote, the Nazis experienced a slap in the face when police raided and closed down the Berlin headquarters of the Nazi "storm troops" as a sequel to the storm troops' recent attack on newspapermen.

Election excitement is further enhanced by an announcement that documents seized during recent raids on Nazi offices in Prussia have been forwarded to the Public Prosecutor, with a view for an action of high treason against Nazi leaders.

COMING EMPIRE CONFERENCE

INDIA SENDING A DELEGATION

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSIA, April 4.

The Government of India has accepted the invitation to send a delegation to the Ottawa Imperial Economic Conference in July next. It has been informed that the Conference will discuss the policy of trade agreements between the different countries of the Empire, and has been invited, in particular, to consider whether having regard to the new British tariff policy, Great Britain and India should enter a tariff agreement embodying a reciprocal preferential regime designed to benefit the trade of both.

Sir A. Chatterjee, former High Commissioner to India, will lead the Indian delegation, and other members will be Mr. Shamu Khan Chetty, Deputy President of the Legislative Assembly; Sir Padamji Ginwalla, President of the Indian Tariff Board; Mr. H. A. Harroon, prominent Karachi merchant; Sahibzada Abdul Samad Khan, Chief Minister of Rampur State; and Mr. George Gurney, retiring Member for Commerce in Viceroy's Council.

ANGLO-FRENCH CONVERSATIONS

ALL POLITICAL QUESTIONS DISCUSSED

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 5.

The economic and financial difficulties of the Danubian States provided the chief subject of discussion at the meeting at No. 10, Downing Street this morning of the British and French Ministers.

Sir John Simon, Mr. Neville Chamberlain and Mr. Walter Runciman joined Mr. Ramany MacDonald in the conversations with M. Tardieu and M. Plandin, which commenced at ten o'clock, were all present at one o'clock, resumed at 2.30 p.m. and closed at about five o'clock.

Official Communiqué.

A communiqué issued from No. 10 afterwards announces the main topic of discussion and adds:

"The British and French Ministers were of the opinion that the problems examined could only be solved by a general international agreement and that in this matter close and cordial collaboration was essential as between the four Powers who meet on Wednesday."

"In view of the impending meeting of the Conference, they did not attempt to reach any conclusions, but are convinced that this comparison of views will facilitate the work of the Conference."

Third-Party Interests.

"The British and French Governments share the hope that it will be possible speedily to concert measures which while respecting legitimate third-party interests, will enable the economic rapprochement of the Danubian States and facilitate the establishment of conditions calculated to restore equilibrium and stability to this part of Europe."

The cordiality of to-day's Anglo-French conversations were emphasised by Mr. Ramany MacDonald in an interview with Reuter this evening. He expressed himself as well satisfied with the day's work. The field was covered quite thoroughly. It was not an executive conference of any kind whatever. The discussions were very cordial but one or two rather important points were involved which required further immediate examination. There was an exchange of views on these points, which, if this preliminary exploration had not taken place, might have held up the conference for perhaps a couple of days. That was now all finished. They now understood each other perfectly well, and were determined in every way to work and get an agreement at the Four-Power Conference.

They were quite convinced that an agreement comprehending all interests was possible and they hoped that one of the big results of the conference would be the establishment of real confidence between the participants so that they could single-heartedly and with the utmost goodwill begin together to tackle the problem that must be faced during the summer.

M. Tardieu, the French Premier, also gave at brief interview to Reuter. He likewise dwelt upon the cordiality and frankness of the conversations.

No Decisions Reached.

It is understood that in view of the success of to-day's meeting, there will be similar further conferences between the other Powers concerned. This is regarded as the most promising method of handling European entanglements.

It is understood, in fact the communiqué says as much, that no decisions were reached at the conference to-day and that the British and French Governments are perfectly free to revise their views.

The discussion on Danubian economic co-operation, it is understood, showed no desire to exclude any State for political reasons and emphasised that the Four-Power Conference should concentrate on agreement as soon as possible owing to the grave risk of one or another of the Danubian countries collapsing.

A Wide Field.

PARIS, April 4. The scope of the Anglo-French conversations in London, according to *Le Temps*, were very wide, including besides the Danubian and reparations questions, the subject of naval disarmament, in which matter an attempt is to be made to devise a Franco-Italian agreement.

As regards tariffs, France proposed opening negotiations prior to the Ottawa Conference.

Rapid Progress.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSIA, April 4. The French Premier, at the conclusion of the formal conversations, remained at Downing Street to have a personal talk with Mr. MacDonald of an extremely friendly nature. He later paid a visit to Lord Reading.

Before leaving for France by the night boat, Mr. Tardieu, together with M. Plandin and several other officials, met at an early date and reached an effective arrangement.

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RUSSIAN FOOD FAMINE FEARED

GOVERNMENT TAKING STRONG ACTION

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 5.

The greatest anxiety is felt by the Soviet Government, owing to the possible failure of the grain crop throughout Russia, and the bad state of livestock production which has been caused, it is alleged, by "criminal neglect" of sowing and preparations, and the fact that collective farms have not carried out more than half the winter programme, according to the most reliable information from Riga which states that this is mainly due to apathy of the part of peasants, the result of which is that the Government has issued a decree denouncing the management of state collective farms and has arrested 1,700 officials for their dismal failure to provide meat, milk and butter for the "collecting masses" and has ordered the state farms to be split into smaller units.

A great effort to relieve the situation is being made "by shock tactics." Meanwhile, the Soviet Press points out that the root of the evil is the "depersonalization" or the absence of any sense of individual responsibility on the part of the peasants who are deprived of holdings incorporated in the collective system.

RIGA, April 3. Increasing food troubles throughout Russia have compelled the Government to organise a "Supplies Regulation Committee," headed by M. Molotov, to take charge of food supplies and to see that the towns and rural districts actually receive their allotments.

The Committee will also regulate exports and the distribution of reserves of foodstuffs and manufactures.

The Government has empowered the Committee to deal drastically with cases of inefficiency among State organisations.

SOVIET AND THE FAR EAST

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RIGA, April 5.

"Certain Imperialist Powers" are scheming to wrest Far Eastern territory from the Soviet, declared M. Molotov in a speech at Moscow, adding that it was vitally necessary to prepare against the Powers who had planned to create a White Guard buffer state as a stepping point for further attacks against the Soviet.

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[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

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INTERNATIONAL SILVER CONFERENCE

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

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IRISH FREE STATE AND OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

DETERMINED TO CARRY OUT ORIGINAL DEMAND

GENERAL ELECTION MAY TAKE PLACE BEFORE END OF YEAR

(Reuter's Special Service.)

DUBLIN, April 5.

The Free State Cabinet will to-morrow consider its final draft reply to the British Government.

Mr. de Valera reiterates that the Cabinet is absolutely united in its original demand to abolish the Oath of Allegiance and to retain the Land Annulment, but it is asserted the Cabinet is not quite so

united as regard the form in which their demands will be presented.

There is a growing feeling that in the event of the Oath of Allegiance being abolished a general election may take place in the Free State before the end of the year.

The abolition of the Oath would enable Sinn Féin and other candidates who object to the Oath to submit themselves for election.

OBITUARY

COUNT CZERNIN

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

VIENNA, April 5.

Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister in the later stages of the European War, died to-day.

ALWAYS HOSTILE TO THE SOVIET

STERN PLEADS GUILTY TO "TERRORISTIC ACT"

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CHAR. LINDBERGH, JUNR.

NOW BEING SOUGHT IN ENGLAND

(Reuter's Special Service.)

LONDON, April 4.

Has the baby son of Colonel and Mrs. Charles Lindbergh been smuggled to England?

This is the theory on which the American police are now working, and a prominent police official landed in England yesterday to pursue enquiries, though he is proving almost as elusive from a newspaperman's viewpoint as the baby itself.

The visitor is Charles Schoeffel, the New Jersey Assistant Chief of Police and it is known that he has come in connection with the Lindbergh baby kidnapping.

Evades Journalists.

Yesterday, he not only slipped through an enormous squad of journalists awaiting his arrival, but furious dashings higher and higher by journalists in London today failed to yield a glimpse of him.

Scotland Yard officially admits that he has been there and conversed with Lord Trenchard and other officials.

Schoeffel is, it is understood, travelling to the North this afternoon, still undetected.

It is stated that the New Jersey police are working on a theory that the kidnapers took the Lindbergh child to Canada, boarded a liner and landed at Liverpool.

HONOLULU MURDER TRIAL

AMERICA STIRRED BY OFFICIAL REPORT

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

HONOLULU, April 4.

Attracting world-wide interest, one of the most remarkable murder trials of modern times opened at the grey-stoned Temple of Justice to-day, Mrs. Granville Fortescue, prominent in American society, and her son-in-law Lieut. Thomas H. Massie, U.S.N. being the principal figures.

Mrs. Fortescue, Lieut. Massie, and two enlisted men of the U.S. Navy, Edward J. Lord and A. I. Jones, are charged with kidnapping and slaying Joe Kahahawai, who had been charged with four others with having criminally assaulted Mrs. Massie. The jury had failed to agree and a new trial of Kahahawai had been ordered. He was kidnapped, it is alleged, in front of the court-house.

Mrs. Fortescue, Lieut. Massie, and Edward Lord were captured in a motor-car which police pursued. In the back seat of the machine was the body of Kahahawai, whose head had been crushed. The body was wrapped in a sheet and police said the accused were seeking some means of disposing of it when they were arrested.

Those Concerned.

Mrs. Granville R. Fortescue is the wife of a well-known playwright and author who was a Rough Rider under Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and latter served as his A.D.C. after Roosevelt became president.

Her son-in-law, Lieutenant Thomas H. Massie, is only 22 years of age.

Jones is alleged to have guarded the Massie home in Honolulu where the police believe the slaying took place.

The question which has excited so much interest is what action the law will take in such a case, where

(Continued on previous column.)

Sports News

JUNIOR CRICKET NOTES.

THE I.R.C. TEAM ANALYSED

[By "L.B.W."]

I have already dealt pretty exhaustively with the Kowloon-Indians match on Saturday but there are one or two points that I would like to dwell on in this column. First of all let me say that the game itself was the most exciting I have ever seen in junior cricket and it is indeed a great tribute to the fighting qualities of the "tail" of the Sookunpoo team when it is considered that after getting their opponents out for the small total of 98 runs, the last wicket was left to get 30 runs to win! The Kowloon bowling was not by any means very difficult to play and if the Indians had lost, they would only have themselves to blame for one or two of their early batsmen went out apparently with the idea of playing for a draw when they had about two hours to get 99 runs. That was all wrong of course, and when four wickets had fallen for 14 runs in something like an hour and ten minutes, it looked all over for the I.R.C. Then a change for the better took place and with some of the later batsmen hitting out to good advantage, runs came at a quicker rate. At the final stage A. M. Rumjahn and A. K. Ismail rose to the occasion, like two veterans and, while the former was doing all the scoring, Ismail kept his end up admirably.

There was a certain amount of criticism of three decisions. The game, however, is over and there is no use traversing on controversial matters. Umpiring in any sort of game is no sinecure, and when a match of this nature is being played, the supporters of the victims generally have something to say. Anyway the umpire gets it in the neck—if the batsman is given out or if the appeal is disallowed. It would, however, be no disadvantage, if when a match is being played on which the destination of the shield rests, the League (we have no Board of Control here) were to appoint neutral umpires. Then there would be no grouse from either team, and there is no need for me to say that nothing spoils a pleasant game more than grouching!

The Champions Analysed.

These will be my last notes for the season and before I lay down my pen I should like to give an analysis of the I.R.C. team who have won the shield for the second year in succession. The most striking thing about them is that they are practically the same lot that did duty for the Sookunpoo Club last season and there are only one or two new members in the eleven. I will first start off with their captain, M. R. Abbas who is to be congratulated in winning the shield the first time he has ever lead a side. Abbas started playing cricket as a fast bowler but lately his bowling has fallen off, maybe due to the fact that with the responsibilities of the captaincy of the side on his shoulders, he has given up taking bowling seriously. He has, however, developed into a very excellent field, especially in the slips, where he has brought off some spectacular catches. Abbas is still very young, and, if I might say so, has started off his career as a leader in the cricket field very excellently.

The vice-captain of the team, H. T. Barma left for India just before the side completed their league fixtures and it is indeed a pity he was not here to take part in their last two matches. He first started playing cricket for the University, and has been their vice-captain for one or two seasons. A very stubborn batsman, Barma is perhaps the safest long field the I.R.C. seconds ever had.

M. P. Madar may well be described as the veteran of the side for he has opened the innings for the I.R.C. ever since I can remember.

He has a very wide knowledge of the game and this has stood him in good stead. A safe, though not enterprising bat, Madar has been known to take the sting off the best bowling in the second division. He usually fields at mid-off and has been captain of the I.R.C. seconds once or twice.

F. M. of Arcull, the skipper of the team last season, has been playing league cricket since 1920. He started off as a fast bowler (right hand) but has gone off considerably since his motor accident in 1928 when he had his bowling arm badly smashed up. From that time he has been playing for the seconds though he occasionally turns out for the first. He is essentially a hitter though when occasion demands he can play a fairly steady game. As a field he is indifferent.

Another player who has gone off considerably is A. S. Suffad who is an all-round man. A fast right hand bowler, Suffad is a very enterprising bat but of late he has lost some of his scoring powers and seems content to play a steady game. A safe field, Suffad usually scouts around the country for any high ones that might cost his way.

His brother, "A.R." has had a very disappointing season. Last year he was one of the most forcing bats in the whole of the second division but for some reason or other he has not been able to get going at all this year. He is an indifferent field, but if he could only control his "expresses" he would make a very dangerous bowler.

One of the coolest men in the side, no matter how things are going, is A. M. Rumjahn, the hero of the Kowloon-Indians game. Rumjahn is a very clever bowler, breaking both ways, and, as a slip fielder he is safe. It is perhaps his batting that puzzles his opponents most. Like Arcull, he is regarded as one of the hitters of the side but when occasion demands, Rumjahn can play a most stubborn innings. He has had quite a number of years of second division league cricket and I would not be at all surprised to see him finding a place in the senior eleven next winter.

The two youngsters of the eleven are A. B. Abbas and K. Nazarin. Both of them are good all-rounders but as a bat Abbas has been distinctly disappointing this season. Nazarin on the other hand, has played some good knocks, and while neither of them has had much of a chance at bowling, I feel that their fielding alone earned them places in the team.

A. K. Ismail is the left-hand bowler of the side but he has not had very much success, probably due to the fact that he is too fond of trying out his theories. As a bat he can keep up his end while as a field he is reliable.

The last but not least comes S. Ismail, the stumper. This lad has kept for the I.R.C. for two seasons and of late has developed into a very stolid bat though when he first started cricket, he used to take a swipe at everything that came his way. With more practice and experience he ought to develop into a really first-class wicket-keeper.

I have often been asked why the Indians have met with so much success on the cricket field. A few things contribute to this and I will give the main reasons. First of all, unlike most other Clubs, the I.R.C. play the same team week after week, and it is due to the fact that they play so often together that they have developed the team work which is so essential in cricket. Then the Sookunpoo lads spend a lot of time at the nets, and if one takes a stroll down Sookunpoo way any evening, one sees them either at the nets or at fielding practice. Another thing is that they are all very young, and, being so, they are exceptionally keen. Then again the I.R.C. are a team of eleven fellows who can all be relied upon to do their share, and this, if nothing else, should count a lot in their games with other Clubs.

They have set a record for local cricket by bringing off the double two years running and because they play cricket in the truest sense of the word, I am confident nobody grudges them their success.

H.K.C.C. TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

THE PASSING OF HONDA.

FINCHER ENTERS FINAL.

E. C. Fincher further enhanced his reputation by again eliminating T. Honda, four times champion, by a fine victory in the semi-final of the Open Singles Championship of the Colony, the scores being 2-6, 8-2, 3-2, 8-3 in his favour. He did so in convincing manner and except in the opening stages when Honda outplayed him brilliantly, he was master of the court. A sparkling feature of the match was his consistency. Throughout he displayed no lapses, and not only stood up against Honda's hard shots, but also counter-attacked frequently. Honda produced his best form seen so far this season. It was pleasant to see the ex-champion again bringing off his old time forehand drives, with which he drew spontaneous applause yesterday from the gallery by the way he scored aces. He displayed no sluggishness and discarded his paternal tactics, but went all out to play brilliant tennis. Unfortunately, he met Fincher in form, and appeared somewhat disheartened by the latter's ability in returning most of his best shots, sometimes with impunity. Towards the end it was obvious that he endeavoured to break through Fincher's defence, to his own detriment however, as he made many errors in his anxiety to score aces outright.

On the whole, the match reached a good standard. For the most part it was a battle from the base line from where both players produced beautiful well placed drives and brought off splendid retrieves. Fincher's better length, ability to employ chop strokes, which improved as the match progressed, and cool generalship proved great factors in the turning of the scales. In the beginning the Kowloon player endeavoured to force the pace by visiting the net frequently. Honda then showed distinct cleverness by passing him with brilliant cross-court and side line shots both from the forehand and backhand, with the result that the Japanese deservedly won the first set.

Fincher smartly changed his game, fighting shy of the net and only following up when he had Honda cornered. At base line play Fincher's consistency began to tell, and in this way he gradually took the sting out of the Japanese shots, and slowly but surely he began to get the better of the exchanges so that when he snatched the lead at 4-1 in the second set, his supporters looked confidently to his success.

An interesting struggle began after the score was brought level at one set all. It appeared anybody's game. Fincher, however, forged ahead by dint of a good all round exhibition, in which Honda could do little but attempt to emulate. The Kowloon champion employed his chop strokes to good purpose placing his shots accurately to both corners of his opponents court, and mixing these with forceful forehand drives. These tactics won for him the third set.

It became Honda's turn to fight with back to the wall. He made an impressive stand, and in the hard struggle that followed in the first five games, he brought off some of his best shots, but Fincher's consistency again proved his undoing. The latter secured the lead at 3-2, and then settled down to wearing Honda out, to win a fine match.

RESULTS.

Further progress was made in other events. The detailed results follow:—

Open Singles.

E. C. Fincher beat T. Honda 2-6, 8-2, 3-2, 8-3.

Open Doubles.

M. K. Lo and M. W. Lo beat Y. V. Segalen and P. R. S. Walsham 6-2, 6-3.

Club Championship.

A. L. Sullivan beat G. W. A. Tuffon 6-4, 7-6.

Handicap Singles "A."

A. H. Harkins (rec. 2/6) beat W. M. Barton (ser.) 6-1, 6-2.

Handicap Doubles.

N. Lampard and C. C. Clarke (sec.) beat J. D. Humphreys and C. Blaker (owe 3/6) 7-5, 6-4.

C. F. Hyde and M. W. Turner (owe 4/6) beat A. C. I. Bowker and Y. R. Gordon (owe 2/6) 6-4, 4-6, 7-5.

J. G. Lecky and J. J. Waite (owe 3/6) beat H. Foley and Dr. Montgomery (owe 3/6) 6-1, 7-5, 8-1.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

Open Doubles.

H. D. Rumjahn and S. A. Rumjahn v. M. W. Lo and M. K. Lo.

Club Championship.

Semi-final: R. M. Henderson v. L. Goldman.

Handicap Singles "A."

A. H. Harkins (rec. 2/6) v. E. R. Price (rec. 1/6).

Handicap Singles "B."

C. E. R. Clarabutt (owe 2/6) v. C. C. Clarke (ser.).

Handicap Doubles.

J. Rodgers and G. T. Rodgers (ser.) v. Wilson and Ferguson (ser.).

S. E. Green and D. S. Green (owe 15/3) v. C. F. Hyde and M. W. Turner (owe 4/6).

Mixed Doubles.

R. Hancock and Miss Hancock (owe 15/3) v. J. G. Lecky and Mrs. Lecky (ser.).

DOUBLES SEMI-FINALISTS.

THEIR PROSPECTS.

Now that the semi-finals of the Open Singles have been decided, interest is centred on the Open Doubles Championship of the Colony, the semi-finals of which are fixed for to-day and to-morrow. The surviving pairs in the order of the draw are:—

- (1) L. Goldman and E. C. Fincher.
- (2) Ho Ka Lau and Yew Man Kit.
- (3) H. D. Rumjahn and S. A. Rumjahn.
- (4) M. K. Lo and M. W. Lo.

The Rumjahn cousins meet the Lo Brothers to-day, while the other two pairs play to-morrow.

So far, competition in this event has been dull, but it is expected that the semi-final and final matches will produce a standard of tennis high enough to compare with that of past seasons. The presence of Goldman and Fincher, and the Rumjahn cousins who are favourites for the final give rise to this hope, and their performances will be closely watched. This is especially so in the case of the former pair who are combining for the first time. Admittedly strong and formidable on paper and reputation, they have yet to realise expectations, as they have so far not met any pair to give them a test. In Ho Ka Lau and Yew Man Kit, this test will be provided and on their showing to-morrow their prospects for the final will be judged. The Rumjahn cousins are likely to dispose of the Lo Brothers, as the former are still playing and combining as well as ever, while it is on record that the Lo's have been beaten on every occasion the two pairs met.

The New Combination.

Of the four pairs only Goldman and Fincher form a new combination, the other three having combined for a number of years. Their understanding, however, appears to be very good, which is easily explainable by the fact that they are both experienced players of the front ranks. Their methods of play also suit each other. Both possess a useful service and can volley well. Goldman is a typical doubles player clever at killing, but needing a steady partner to keep the ball in play and to work openings. Fincher can supply both his requirements, as he volleys the ball in such a way that most of his opponents return a loose shot. While Goldman takes risks, Fincher counter-balances that by his consistency and steadiness. On the whole they are a difficult pair to beat.

Ho and Yew.

Ho Ka Lau and Yew Man Kit have seen first class tennis in Hong Kong for many years. Although never having reached any particular high standard, they have very often bordered on that stage, so it is not surprising to see them in the semi-final. They possess a good defence, in which lobbing serves them in good stead, which they are likely to overdo. Both can drive and volley well, and if they play an enterprising game to-morrow, Fincher and Goldman will in all probability be extended. I consider that they cannot do better than rely mainly on their defence, but to take risks when pressed, and at opportune times to challenge their opponents at close quarter volleying.

The Cousins.

Despite H. D.'s failure at Singles, he is a first class player at Doubles. He is not only consistently steady and hard to beat, but can also work out an opening for his partner to kill, and as S. A. possesses the latter ability, this has been the secret of their success as a combination, while the two are also good at net play. Of their play and tactics, the public are now familiar, so it is unnecessary to recapitulate them here. In view, however, of S. A.'s variable form, especially at the present, speculation prevails whether they will be able to hold their title for 1932, but still they are generally fancied.

The Brothers.

M. W. Lo and M. K. Lo are the oldest combination in the tournament. They won the title as far back as 1920, but since then they have deteriorated a great deal, and are now a shadow of their past. Still, they have done very well in reaching the semi-final. The brothers combine well, M. W. usually

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VARSITY SPORTS

ENTER-HOSTEL BASKET-BALL CONTEST.

The Hong Kong Varsity inter-hostel basketball contest commenced yesterday when Eliot Hall met May at 4.30 p.m. at the University Football Ground. Eliot was the stronger of the two hostels and pressed throughout the game. Their forwards showed excellent combination. May Hall lacked players in the forward line, though their backs were strong. At half time Eliot led by 10 points, and the final score was:—

Eliot 48 points
May 38 points

At 5.30 p.m., St. John's Hall played against Morrison. The former team was by far the superior, their players being all in the University 1st XI. Morrison was weak in shooting. Had they realised their numerous attempts at the basket, they would have caught up and beaten their opponents. When the final whistle was blown, the score was:—

St. John's 45 points
Morrison 19 points

There was a large crowd of spectators.

FANLING GOLF.

CAPTAIN'S CUP RESULTS.

The results in the Captain's Cup, played at Fanling over the weekend, were as follows:—
Old Course:—J. Mandreccia qualifies, 91-18-73.
New Course:—A. C. Gould qualifies, 92-18-77.

ly doing the killing, while M. K. can be depended to hold his own against any opposition. At present, they are rather slow on their feet, but their experience serves them in good stead. They may be relied upon to give a good account of themselves against the Rumjahn.

Revised Programme.

The following is the revised programme for the concluding matches. To-day.—M. W. Lo and M. K. Lo v. S. A. Rumjahn and H. D. Rumjahn.
To-morrow.—E. C. Fincher and L. Goldman v. Ho Ka Lau and Yew Man Kit.
Friday (Replay).—M. W. Lo v. S. A. Rumjahn.
Monday.—Open Singles Final.
Tuesday.—Open Doubles Final.

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HONG KONG FLOWERS.

MORE LOCAL SPECIES THAN IN U. K.

DR. HERKLOTS' LECTURE AT UNION CHURCH.

The following is the text of a lantern lecture on "Hong Kong Flowers," delivered before a large and appreciative audience at the Union Church, Kowloon, last night by Dr. G. A. C. Herklotz:—

Doubtless many of those who have come here this evening think that it must be a very easy matter for me to give a talk on the wild flowers of the Colony. But the task is not quite as simple as it at first appears. Three difficulties are particularly obvious. Firstly the names of the flowers are neither familiar to us, nor are they easy to remember, for though our local species have names, yet, for the most part, they possess only long double-barrelled Latin names and no simple English equivalents.

Secondly the great majority of local plants do not grow in England and they have no familiar relatives with which they can be compared. The converse is equally true: that European plants do not grow wild here in South China. The word *Melastoma* is no harder to remember than the word *Anemone* but no *Melastomas* grow in England and no *Anemones* in Hong Kong and although *Melastoma* is very much commoner here than the *Anemone* in England it is known to but few. This fact, of the very great difference between European plants and Hong Kong plants, makes the preparation of a popular talk on local plants difficult.

The third snag is that there are no popular books on our flowers to which I can refer you. There is the *Hong Kong Naturalist* which some of you I hope see, but it will be years before we have finished describing in that journal our familiar species. Bearing these difficulties in mind I sincerely trust that you will forgive me if my lecture is scrappy and patchy and appears to be without any continuous theme.

Hong Kong Richer than Whole of U.K.

Because the local flowers are unfamiliar to us and because shrubby plants are more abundant than herbaceous forms, many people think that this is a poor place for flowers. This is not true. Actually China is the richest country in the world for beautiful flowers and many, very many indeed, of the flowers which grace our gardens and conservatories in Europe and America have their origin in China. Hong Kong is very rich in species, very much richer than any area in England of similar extent, in fact far richer than the whole of the United Kingdom—this may surprise many but is nevertheless true. When we think of flowers in England we picture a few species in masses—bluebells, cowslips, primroses, anemones, buttercups, daisies; and perhaps some dozen other common species which cover over great areas during the spring and summer months. Such masses of herbaceous plants are rarely found in the tropics and are much more characteristic of the temperate zones of the earth.

If, instead of thinking of herbs we think of shrubs, then we at once perceive the fundamental difference between temperate and tropical vegetation. We think of hawthorn, blackthorn, privet, roses, crab apple, and guelder rose but it would be difficult to name twenty kinds of flowering shrubs which in England may be found in bloom in masses. Here in Hong Kong I could easily make a list of 100 shrubs with attractive flowers. In England we associate the months of May and June in particular with the flowers of the countryside. In the tropics no one month possesses a monopoly of the flowers. True, in Hong Kong, on the edge of the tropics seasonal differences can be noticed but even here January and February, for example, are the months when some of our most beautiful species blossom. The fact that the plants are unfamiliar, that the names are difficult, that there are no books, that shrubs and trees predominate and that the flowering period is spread over the whole 12 months, have led to this quite incorrect belief that Hong Kong is a poor place for flowers.

Beauty Garden Note

Two other factors have great significance. There is a very large population in Hong Kong and Kowloon, equivalent almost to that of Leeds and Bradford added together. It is not therefore surprising that many of the most beautiful species are not to be found commonly within a hundred yards of our front door! The botanist must be willing to go afield, to leave the beaten track, to climb the slope and scale the precipices if he, or she, wishes to see the best of Hong Kong's flora.

The other factor is that of temperature. Very few people here ever tramp the hillsides in May, June, July and August, and even in April and September the number of walkers I meet on the mountains is very small. If during half the year people are not looking for flowers, it is not surprising to hear them say that they don't exist.

This introduction has been long but I wished to bring home to all the problems and difficulties which confront the amateur botanist here in Hong Kong. When I came here some three and a half years ago I was amazed at the paucity of information available about our natural history, no one seemed to know or care anything about the varied forms of life that surrounded them. A few of us decided to tackle the more popular groups of animals and plants. Major Hutson tackled the birds and largely as a result of his pioneer work we know some 180 species from Hong Kong. I amused myself in particular with the snakes and orchids and of late with the flowering shrubs. As a result many of the slides which I am going to show are those of local orchids of which we have now some 55 species under observation. I wish here to acknowledge the able assistance of Mr. V. H. C. Jarrett, and of Mr. Youngs from whose negatives a number of these lantern slides have been prepared.

The Slides.

The first 15 slides are of different species of Hong Kong orchids, mostly common species which may be found on our hillsides and precipices. Then follow 7 slides illustrating one of our strangest and rarest plants, the insect-eating pitcher plant, *Nepenthes phyllanthifolia*. Eight photographs of mangrove swamp scenes follow. These illustrate the extraordinary method adopted by certain of the shrubs to propagate their species. The seed germinates on the tree and the seedling does not fall off until a root of 6 or more inches has been developed. When the seedling falls this root sticks in the mud, either below the parent tree, or is carried away by the tide to be washed up on a distant bank and become fixed there.

The last 10 slides are of different flowering shrubs to be found commonly on our hillsides. They include the alien *Lantana* and of native species, *Uvaria*, *Rhodomyrtus*, *Rhododendron*, *Melastoma*, *Mussaenda*, and *Pavetta*. In conclusion may I ask all to support Mr. Green, the Superintendent of the Hong Kong Botanic Gardens, in his difficult and often thankless task of protecting our flowering shrubs and plants from wanton gathering. If you see beautiful flowers don't pick them all and then throw them away by the roadside, remember that others also like to see the beauties of nature. Several of our species are strictly protected, e.g., all the *Rhododendrons* (*Asiatic*), *Tzora chinensis*, and of orchids the bamboo orchid *Arundina chinensis* and the buttercup orchid *Spathoglottis pubescens*.

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THE DIAL SWITCH IN OUR TELEPHONES

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rotator, or as it is termed "hunts" at a speed of 80 steps per second over a set of 25 contacts and comes to rest on the first one which is disengaged. When this occurs the calling line is then connected to what is termed a first selector which receives the impulses from the first digit dialled. It should be appreciated here that this happens in the brief space that elapses between the time the receiver is taken off the rest and placed to the ear, and before dialling is commenced. Dialling tone will now have been heard by the caller who proceeds to dial the first digit. The selector, responding to the impulses transmitted, steps its connecting brushes, attached to the mechanical shaft, to the level of contacts corresponding to the number dialled. For example, if "2" is dialled, two vertical steps are taken and at the end of the second step the brushes are automatically rotated to "hunt" for a disengaged connection or "link" to the second rank of selectors which accept the second figure dialled.

Cause of Delay.

This automatic rotary operation explains the necessity for the delay or lost motion period—to which I previously referred when explaining the function of the slipping cam on the dial—as it will be realised that the brushes must "hunt" over the selector bank contacts and select a disengaged outlet, the succeeding rank of switches before the caller dials the next digit, as otherwise the impulses would be lost.

In addition to the delay period of 200 milli-second furnished by the dial, there is also the personal pause between the dialling of each digit and the time taken to pull the dial round to the finger-stop, in which connection it will be recalled that the dial transmits the impulses, on returning to normal, under the tension of the clock spring.

Similarly, a third selector is brought into service to take the third figure and the caller is then through to the particular "hundreds" group which contains the required number, or, in other words, is connected to what is called a final selector. The latter accepts the "tens" digit stepping the brushes up vertically as already described, but there is no automatic rotary feature as a particular line must be selected in this case. Consequently it waits for the "units" digit and, on receipt, it rotates the brushes a number of steps equal to the figure dialled.

The brushes are now on the required line but this may be engaged so the switch must discriminate by bringing into operation a testing feature. If the line is engaged it transmits busy tone to the caller and does not in any way interfere with the connection which has already been established. If disengaged, it connects ringing current to the called line to ring the telephone bell and, when the called party answers, it cuts off the ringing and switches the connection through to the calling party after having registered one call on the meter of the latter's line. It also supplies talking current to both parties and provides for the operation of certain alarms in the event of irregularities.

The connection is now established and the five switches just described remain operated during the whole of the call and are held by the final selector which, in turn, is controlled by the calling party. On the latter restoring his receiver, the final selector releases, and, in turn, releases all the preceding switches which are then immediately available for further calls.

This is perhaps, from a subscriber's point of view, one of the greatest advantages to be derived from automatic working, namely, that there is no waiting, as in manual working, for an operator to disconnect a previous call before being able to make a further call.

In conclusion, I would take the opportunity of inviting those who may be interested and who have not previously visited an Automatic Exchange to visit the Central Automatic Exchange in this building at some convenient time, where the various switch operations, which I have endeavoured to explain, can be demonstrated to them.

Better System Than Shanghai.

Mr. B. Wylie, in expressing the Club's thanks to the speaker, said he was sure they had listened to the address with interest and he had perhaps been more interested than most of them there because he could look back to the years when the Telephone Company and its manual system was criticised. At that time it was thought that automatic telephones would be impossible in Hong Kong owing to climatic conditions, but Hong Kong now had automatic telephones and he had heard one gentleman say that they had a better automatic service in Hong Kong than in Shanghai. He was all the more proud to hear that, because it was only at the last meeting of the Club that Hong Kong and Shanghai newspapers were compared to the detriment of Hong Kong. Before making Mr. Sherry, I would sound a personal note and that is to thank you, Mr. Chairman, and you gentlemen for having wished me a nice holiday when I go home.

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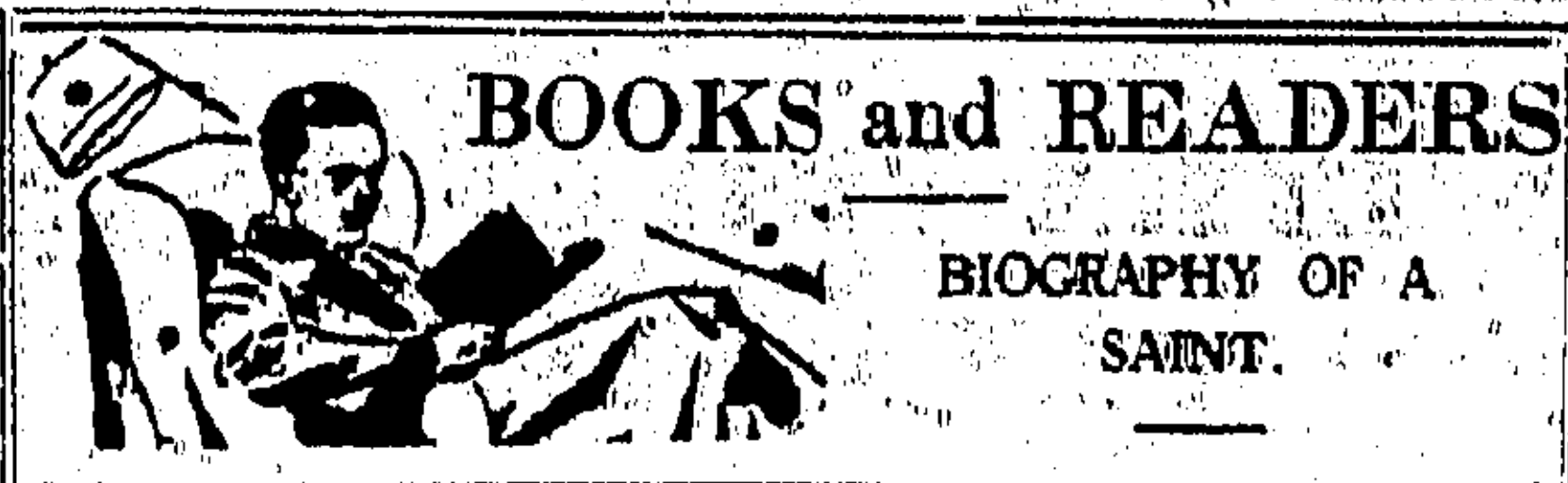
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BOOKS and READERS

BIOGRAPHY OF A SAINT.

Saint Augustine by Giovanni Papini. (London: Hodder and Stoughton, 12/6.)

There are times when one is almost tempted to say: "There can be no God, else He would surely save His Saints from the hands of their biographers." Such a thought came to me, I regret to say, on reading "Saint Augustine" by Giovanni Papini.

On first picking up the book I said, "Ah yes! Angels not Angles" and then, rating myself for a fool, my mind shot to "De Civitate Dei," but, either way, there was a pleasant thrill of anticipation, which was heightened by the attractive form of the book. But, on page 13, of the introductory "My connection with Saint Augustine," a shiver of apprehension ran through me as I read the words "My chief concern has been to write the story of a soul..." And my apprehension was justified. Nothing was to be found but a tedious story, full of improbable Latin names, which turned an attractive saint into a dull negro, with all the faults and qualities of his race.

The author states on page 13: "I have written as an artist and a Christian," so the translator must be blamed for the boring, indigestible prose of this edition. As to "Christian," the author completely lacks the quiet certainty of the convinced Catholic and tediously labors in the obvious with platitudes and paradox after the manner of those newly converted to the "Popish Error."

Yet the book has one great merit: it is sincere. And, despite its many shortcomings, I feel that the many admirers of Aurelius Augustinus will benefit by the reading of Giovanni Papini's "Saint Augustine."

A BLIND CHILD'S STORY.

"An Egyptian Childhood." By Taha Hussein. Routledge, 6s. There are two very good reasons why English people should read this account of an Egyptian boy's childhood—because it is a little masterpiece of autobiography, and because it will cheer up anyone with a grievance against English educational methods.

The author, Dr. Taha Hussein, is a remarkable man. In spite of blindness which attacked him as a boy, he became a scholar, studied and took his degrees at the Sorbonne, and is now a leader of the Modern School and Professor of Arabic Literature at Cairo University.

The book describes the first 13 years of his life in the house of his father, a sheik, in the province of Minia, some 30 years ago. We assist at family prayers, feel his shyness before his grown-up brothers and sisters who always make fun of him, experience his pride when as a boy of nine he succeeds in learning the Koran by heart, and is, therefore, entitled to be called a sheik—and share his

sitting cup when, a few days later, under close examination by his father, he breaks down and cannot remember a single word of all the thousands of words he has learned. There is an exquisite simplicity about the writing, and, towards the end, in the descriptions of sudden blindness and the death of a brother from cholera, there are touches of almost heartrending pathos. The odd thing is that the personal note is maintained unflinchingly throughout—in spite of the fact that the book is written in the third person and that the author always refers to himself as "our friend."

A POET ON A BUS.

"Betsinda Dances." By Jan Struther. Oxford University Press, 2s. 6d.

It is a pleasure, in an age of slipshod writing, to encounter a new poet who can combine an Augustan severity of form with the richer sensibility of the moderns. Miss Struther is here revealed as a poet definitely individual in both matter and manner, with an instinct for the value of words and their music.

Four lines suffice to delineate a character in verse so concise as: Your eyes are two grey Puritans, Your mouth's a laughing Cavalier; And all day long a civil war Between them doth appear.

An understanding of London, which explains that London love is "brave and difficult and true" be cause... seven times sweet is each carress. Snatched from a world of ugliness enables Miss Struther with a fine "conceit" to turn a busstop race down King's-road, to the "World's End" into the lyric that concludes:

O love, we are poor, but the gold of the sunset fills our eyes, And with our pence we have bought us a way to Paradise: For royally, proudly now, in the pale cool dusk of the spring, We ride to the End of the World along the road of the King.

ROMANCE AND HORROR.

"The House of Lies." By Austin Moore. Hodder and Stoughton, 7s. 6d.

Mr. Moore understands the mechanism of the detective story. He does not allow one to see the solution of his mystery at the end of an early chapter, and one reader, at least, turned detective and failed. In "The House of Lies" a wealthy banker, who appears to be a notorious murderer, is the pivot around which the story turns. As the banker has a charming ward and an eligible young nephew, romance and horror are cunningly entwined. A thoroughly ingenious story.

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"The Windmill on the Dune." By Mary E. Waller. Sampson, Low, 7s. 6d.

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ALL ABOUT WAR DEBTS.

"War Debts and Reparations: What They Are; Why They Must Be Cancelled"—a well-written pamphlet by G. O. H. Cole and R. S. Postgate, published at 6d. by the "New Statesman and Nation"—is already in its second edition. In view of forthcoming discussions of these problems, and of the urgency of their settlement from the point of view of every important State, this able and sanely-written summary cannot be too widely read. It sets out, first, the "background" of the Reparations question; shows how the burden of international debts, instead of being alleviated by the Dawes and Young Plans, has been positively intensified by the catastrophic fall in prices which the debts have indirectly promoted; and concludes with what, most readers will agree, is an irresistible argument for cancellation.

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				Underwriters				
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				H.K. Fire				
				International Assoc.				
				Shipping				
				Douglas				
				Steamships				
				Indos (pref.)				
				Do. (def.)				
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				Benguet				
				Yanagin Gold Mds.				
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				Do. Rights				
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				Metropolitan Lands				
				H.K. Realities				
				Humphreys (old)				
				Asia Realities "A" M				
				Do. "B" M				
				Chinese Estates				
				Cotton Mills				
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				Shai Cottons				
				Loong Sings				
				Public Utilities				
				Tramways				
				Peak Trams (old)				
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				Star Ferries				
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				Do. Rights				
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				Macao do				
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				Macgregors (pref.)				
				Canton Ice				
				Cements (comb.)				
				Do. (old)				
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				Bopes				
				Ch. Agriculture				
				Miscellaneous				
				Dairy Farms				
				Der A. Wings				
				Amusements (old)				
				Ch. Entertainment (old)				
				Constructions (old)				
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				Lane Crawford (old)				
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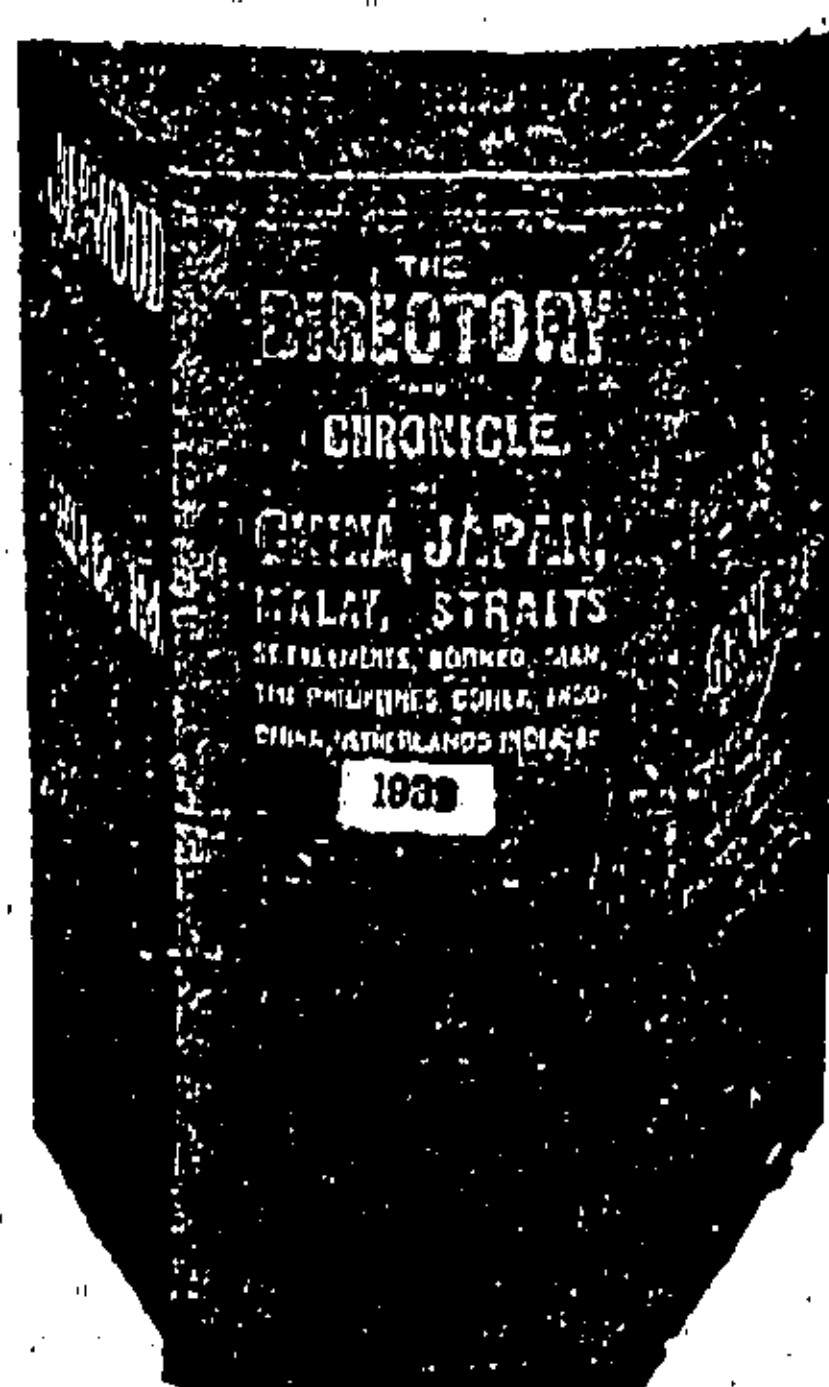
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Conte Rosso, Dodwell, May 15.
Chenoneaux, M.M., May 24.
Himalaya, Dodwell, June 1.
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Pres. Hayes, Dollar, April 17.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, May 1.
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Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, May 29.

ALGERIERS

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Nanking, Swedish, May 27.
Tamura, Swedish, June 27.

AMOI

Suiyang, B. & S., April 6.
Taiyuan, B. & S., April 6.
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Takada, M. M. & Co., April 8.
Anhui, B. & S., April 10.
Sunning, B. & S., April 10.
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Sirdhana, M. M. & Co., April 22.
Yuenan, J. M. & Co., May 1.
Tilawa, M. M. & Co., May 5.
Sanchia, M. M. & Co., May 19.
Taima, M. M. & Co., June 2.

AMSTERDAM

Havel, Melchers, April 20.
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ANTWERP

Yasukuni Maru, N.Y.K., April 15.
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Somali, M. M. & Co., May 14.
Bangalore, M. M. & Co., June 11.

AUSTRALIAN PORTS

Change, B. & S., April 19.
Kamo Maru, N.Y.K., April 23.
Nellore, M. M. & Co., April 30.
Taiping, B. & S., May 20.

BALL

Tjibadak, J.C.J.L., April 12.
Asia, Manners, April 19.

BALTI PORTS

Asia, Manners, April 17.
Malaya, Manners, May 2.
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BALTIMORE

Glauco, B. & S., April 11.

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Saarbrücken, Melchers, April 30.

BATAVIA

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BRINDISI

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CANTON

Isar, Melchers, May 22.
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COPENHAGEN

Asia, Manners, April 18.
Malaya, Manners, May 2.
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DAIRE

Lima, B. & S., April 7.
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DUMKIRK

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EUROPE

Pres. Hayes, Dollar, April 17.
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Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, May 29.

FOOCHOW

Huiyang, Douglas, April 8.
Kueichow, B. & S., April 10.
Hanching, Douglas, April 12.
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GENOA

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HONOLULU

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Troilus, B. & S., April 24.
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Elepor, B. & S., May 2.
Malaya, Manners, May 2.
Franken, Melchers, May 9.
Somali, M. M. & Co., May 14.
Africa, Manners, June 3.
Bangalore, M. M. & Co., June 11.

HUIHOW

Kingsyuen, B. & S., April 8.
Kueichow, B. & S., April 22.

HULL

Somali, M. M. & Co., May 14.
Bangalore, M. M. & Co., June 11.

ISTANBUL (Constantinople)

Lima Maru, N.Y.K., April 14.

ITALY

Targesta, Dodwell, April 9.
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SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUNNING"	On 10th Apr. 10 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"KUNICHOW"	On 10th Apr. 10 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KIANGSU"	On 10th Apr. Noon
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SHANTUNG"	On 12th Apr. 10 a.m.
HOIHOW & SHANGHAI	"KWEIYANG"	On 12th Apr. 3 p.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"TSINAN"	On 13th Apr. 5 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KWANGTUNG"	On 13th Apr. 10 a.m.
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STATION	HONG KONG OBSERVATORY	APRIL 4, 1932.				APRIL 5, 1932.			
		Barometer at Sea Level	Thermometer	Wind	Direction	Barometer at Sea Level	Thermometer	Wind	Direction
Whidivostok...	12	29.58	75.14	46	SW	29.60	75.70	34	...
Nemuro...	11	29.53	75.00	...	WNW	29.54	75.00	...	...
Hakodate...	...	29.56	75.00	...	S	29.56	75.00	...	...
Tokio...	...	29.58	75.00	...	...	29.58	75.00	...	...
Kobe...	...	29.58	75.00	...	...	29.58	75.00	...	...
Nagasaki...	...	29.58	75.00	...	...	29.58	75.00	...	...
Kagoshima...	...	29.58	75.00	...	...	29.58	75.00	...	...
Oshima...	...	29.58	75.00	...	...	29.58	75.00	...	...
Naha...	...	29.58	75.00	...	...	29.58	75.00	...	...
Ishigaki...	...	29.58	75.00	...	...	29.58	75.00	...	...
Bonin Island...	...	29.58	75.00	...	...	29.58	75.00	...	...
Chefoo...	13	29.52	75.73	47	E	29.51	75.70	40	N
Shanghai...	14	29.82	75.73	76	E	29.76	75.50	58	SE
Gutaleff...	...	29.89	75.92	59	SE	29.75	75.50	58	SW
Yenchow...	...	29.50	75.69	64	N	29.77	75.61	64	...
Fochow...	...	29.73	75.51	75	SE	29.80	75.69	65	SE
Amoy...	...	29.73	75.51	75	E	29.87	75.68	71	SW
Swatow...	...	29.73	75.51	75	W	29.78	75.64	68	...
Taihou...	11	29.87	75.82	81	W	29.78	75.64	68	...
Taihu...	...	29.88	75.80	81	N	29.84	75.79	72	...
Tainan...	...	29.87	75.82	85	SSW	29.82	75.70	70	...
Koshun...	...	29.87	75.84	85	S	29.80	75.70	72	...
Pescadore...	...	29.87	75.84	85	SW	29.80	75.70	72	WSW
Hong Kong...	14	29.30	75.69	75	W	29.79	75.68	71	...
Gap Rock...	...	29.32	75.74	74	E	29.89	75.69	75	SE
Macao...	...	29.78	75.65	77	SE	29.76	75.69	70	SE
Hoihow...	...	29.82	75.74	78	...	29.82	75.74	78	...
Pratas Island...	...	29.74	75.63	72	S	29.77	75.62	70	...
Phulian...	...	29.71	75.63	77	SE	29.74	75.64	73	...
Tourane...	...	29.80	75.68	81	E	29.82	75.74	75	ENE
Cape St. James...	14	29.78	75.63	83	SE	29.80	75.70	77	SE
Basco...	...	29.74	75.65	88	E	29.81	75.71	78	...
Aparri...	...	29.71	75.64	98	E	...	...	...	...
Tuguegarao...	...	29.78	75.63	96	W	...	...	...	...
Vigan...	...	29.76	75.60	94	SE	29.81	75.72	72	...
Manila...	...	29.73	75.55	91	E	29.80	75.70	79	NE
Legaspi...	...	29.78	75.63	86	SW	...	...	...	...
Calbayog...	...	29.78	75.64	85	...	29.76	75.60	77	NE
Tacoluan...	...	29.76	75.60	86	SW	...	...	...	...
Boilo...	...	29.76	75.60	86	SW	...	...	...	...
Cebu...	...	29.76	75.60	86	SW	...	...	...	...
Surigao...	...	29.76	75.60	86	SW	...	...	...	...
Saipan...	11.00	...	...	...	...	29.86	75.64	77	ESE
Guam...	12.22	29.76	75.69	...	E	29.81	75.71	...	...
Yap...	11.00	29.77	75.61	...	ENE	29.83	75.73	...	...
Pelau...	...	29.79	75.68	73	...	29.79	75.68	73	...
Labuan...	14	29.94	76.04	85	SW	29.78	75.64	72	S

April 5d. 11h. 07m.—An irregular area of low pressure covers China generally; a depression is indicated over S. Manchuria.

Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.02 inch. Total since January 1, 4.75 inches, against an average of 6.83 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON APRIL 6.

Direction: Light southerly or variable winds; cloudy, with local fog or rain.

A—Shanghai to Turnabout ... Light southerly or variable winds; cloudy, with local fog or rain.

B—Turnabout to Hong Kong ... Light southerly or variable winds; cloudy, with local fog or rain.

C—Hong Kong to Gap Rock ... Light southerly or variable winds; cloudy, with local fog or rain.

D—Hong Kong to Hainan Straits ... Light southerly or variable winds; cloudy, with local fog or rain.

E—North China Sea ... Light southerly or variable winds; cloudy, with local fog or rain.

C. W. JEFFRIES, Director.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, April 5.

(Previous On Date) On Date

Day at 4 p.m. at 10 a.m. at 4 p.m.

Barometer... 29.78 29.76 29.78

Temperature... 78 72 78

Humidity... 68 91 85

Wind... SE Calm NW

Force... 0 0 0

Direction... SE Calm NW

Force... 0 0 0

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Wed. 6 12.04 6.0 03.30 1.9

Thur. 7 12.04 6.0 03.30 1.9

Fri. 8 12.04 6.0 03.30 1.9

Sat. 9 12.04 6.0 03.30 1.9

Sun. 10 12.04 6.0 03.30 1.9

Mon. 11 12.04 6.0 03.30 1.9

Tues. 12 12.04 6.0 03.30 1.9

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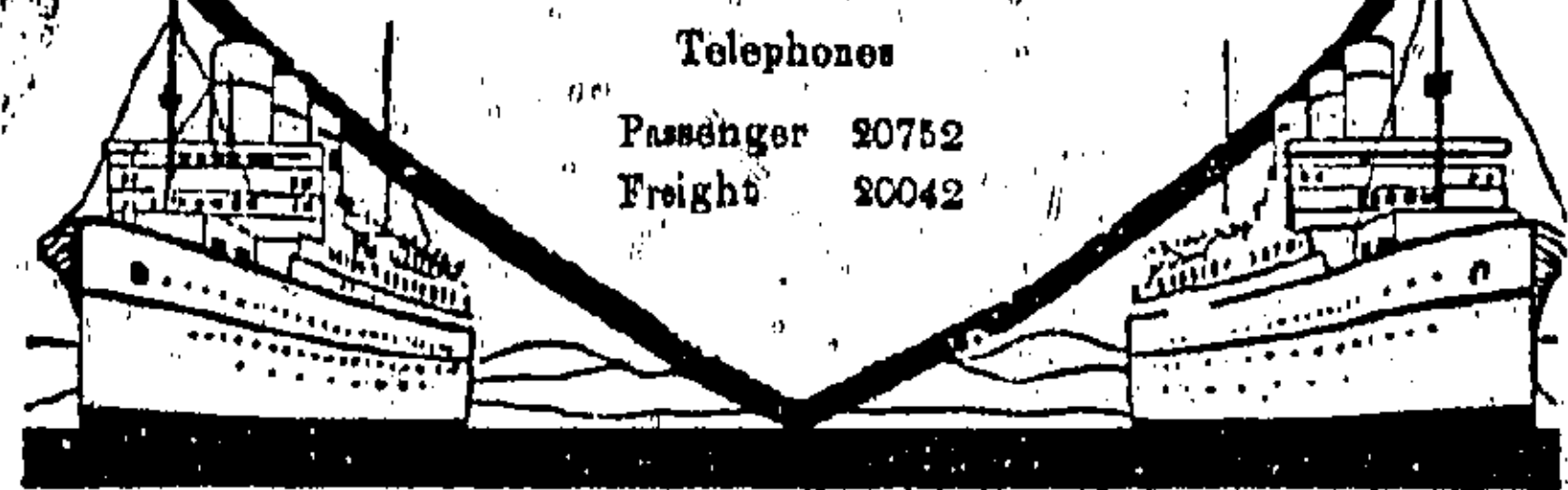
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HIKAWA MARU ... Tuesday, 28th Apr.

LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM,
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YASUKUNI MARU ... Friday, 15th Apr.

YASUKUNI MARU ... Saturday, 30th Apr.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Port.

KAMO MARU ... Saturday, 23rd Apr.

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BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo

+ TOKIWA MARU ... Tuesday, 12th Apr.

+ CALCUTTA MARU ... Friday, 29th Apr.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu

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+ LIMA MARU ... Thursday, 14th Apr.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

+ KAKODATE MARU ... Friday, 8th Apr.

+ MORIOKA MARU ... Friday, 16th Apr.

Kobe & YOKOHAMA

FUSHIMI MARU ... Saturday, 16th Apr.

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ATOS II ... 7th June

D'ARTAGNAN ... 21st June

ANDRE LEBON ... 5th July

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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS 21,571 TONS
THROUGH CARGO
27,168 TONS.

The returns, shown at the Harbour Office, of vessels carrying cargo to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were:—

Cargo for Through H.K. Ports.

British
Tymeric, Calcutta 4,000 3,000
Shun Chih, Saigon 1,772 52

Hinsang, Sandakan 4,470 55

American
Pres. Hoover, New York 1,500 2,000

German
Sauerland, Dairen 3 4,728

Italian
Gange, Trieste 257 1,400

Danish
Clara Jensen, Saigon 2,432

Norwegian
Bueland, Rangoon 700 4,000

Fingal, Bangkok 3,000

Daviken, Canton 150

Japanese
Arabia Maru, Nagoya 30 4,016

Brisbane Maru, Yokohama 305 1,402

Akita Maru, Calcutta 167 3,869

Shyosen Maru, Moji 1,273 2,000

Chinese
Dorry, Degi 1,800

Total 21,571 27,168

ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS.

The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were:—

Shun Chih (Br.) Saigon 306

Hinsang (Br.) Sandakan 60

Gange (Italian) Trieste 50

Clara Jensen (Dan.) Saigon 106

Fingal (Nor.) Bangkok 11

Daviken (Br.) Canton 38

Dorry (Chi.) Degi 12

Total 682

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

The arrivals and departures during the 24 hours ending at 9 a.m. yesterday were:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	3	7
American	1	0
German	1	1
Italian	1	0
Danish	1	0
Norwegian	1	1
Japanese	7	1
Chinese	1	2
Total	18	12

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships were in port yesterday:—

Basin.—Tamar.

North Arm.—Cumberland, Bridge-water.

South Wall.—Bruce Marazion.

East Wall.—Herald, Pandora, Proteus.

West Wall.—Folkstone.

Dock.—Hermes.

Taikoo Dock.—Devonshire.

Buoy No. 2.—Medway and Sub-marines.

Buoy No. 13.—Wild Swan.

Foreign.—French river gunboat Argus, U.S.S. river gunboat Helena.

SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

The following merchant vessels were in port yesterday:—

Wharves.

Kowloon.—Malayn, Pres. Hoover, Buryuis.

Docks.

Kowloon.—Bremerhaven, Yuan Jong, Haiyang, Linchow, Kumsang, Yei Maru.

Taikoo.—U.S.S. Helena, Linan, Tyndareus, H.M.S. Devonshire.

Buoys.

No. A1.—Brisbane Maru.

No. A2.—Tatsuta Maru.

No. A3.—Arabia Maru.

No. A6.—Tjisalak.

No. A8.—Tjisroca.

No. A10.—Bueland.

No. B1.—Kumsang.

No. B3.—Daviken.

No. B6.—R. of Sarawak.

No. B10.—Tsang Woo.

No. B11.—Fingal.

No. B12.—Wong Sek Kung.

No. B13.—Shun Chih.

No. B15.—Chenan.

No. B18.—Prosper.

No. B17.—Hellas.

No. B18.—Clara Jensen.

No. B19.—Bintang.

(Continued on next column.)

ARRIVALS.

April 5.

Browken, Norwegian str., 1,500 tons, Capt. Wied, from Swatow, Taikoo Dock.—Kwong Nam & Co.

Brisbane Maru, Japanese str., 3,228 tons, Capt. O. Mutok, from Moji, buoy No. A1.—O.S.K.

Daviken, Norwegian str., 1,778 tons, Capt. G. Svane, from Canton, buoy No. B8.—J.M. & Co.

Deli Maru, Japanese str., 1,293 tons, Capt. E. Sanada, from Canton, O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

Fingal, Norwegian str., 1,243 tons, Capt. B. Bolt, from Bangkok, buoy No. B11.—Thoreen & Co.

Foehsing, British str., 1,423 tons, Capt. S. O. Mitford, from Swatow, West Point Wharf.—J.M. & Co.

Hinsang, British str., 1,383 tons, Capt. L. Hutchings, from Sandakan, buoy No. B22.—J.M. & Co.

Hiroshi Maru, Japanese str., 605 tons, Capt. Y. Okada, from Keelung, Yaumati Anchorage.—M.B.K.

Lammer Law, British str., 3,128 tons, Capt. W. Wright, from Shanghai, buoy No. B5.—Williamson & Co.

Sefirania, Dutch str., 3,379 tons, Capt. C. Mommaas, from Balikpapan, North Point.—A.P.C.

CLEARANCES.

April 5.

Arabia Maru, for Singapore.

Bintang, for Bangkok.

Brisbane Maru, for Brisbane.

Bulland, for Swatow.

Dorry, for Macao.

Faitangata, for Canton.

Foehsing, for Canton.

Hai Ning, for Swatow.

Hydra II., for Bangkok.

Pres. Hoover, for Manila.

Tjisalak, for Batavia.

Tjisroca, for Shanghai and Amoy.

Wong Shek Kung, for Honkoo Bay.

No. B17.—Hellas.

No. B23.—Suzanna "II."

No. B28.—Benverlich.

No. B29.—Baron Napier.

No. B30.—Tymeric.

No. C1.—Hydra II.

No. C2.—Foo Lee.

No. C3.—Wing Wo.

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"RAWALPINDI"	17,000	23rd Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"RANPURA"	17,000	7th May	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"SOMALI"	8,000	14th May	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"CHITRAL"	15,000	21st May	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"RANPURA"	17,000	4th June	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"BANGALORE"	8,500	11th June	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"NALDERA"	16,000	18th June	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KARAI-HIND"	12,000	2nd July	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"BHUTAN"	6,000	9th July	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"BAJPUTANA"	17,000	16th July	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	11,000	30th July	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"SODAN"	8,500	6th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"RAWALPINDI"	17,000	13th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"RANPURA"	17,000	27th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

Steamship	Tons	6th Apr. Noon	7th Apr.	8th Apr.	9th Apr.	10th Apr.	11th Apr.	12th Apr.	13th Apr.	14th Apr.	15th Apr.	16th Apr.	17th Apr.	18th Apr.	19th Apr.	20th Apr.	21st Apr.	22nd Apr.	23rd Apr.	24th Apr.	25th Apr.	26th Apr.	27th Apr.	28th Apr.	29th Apr.	30th Apr.	1st May	2nd May	3rd May	4th May	5th May	6th May	7th May	8th May	9th May	10th May	11th May	12th May	13th May	14th May	15th May	16th May	17th May	18th May	19th May	20th May	21st May	22nd May	23rd May	24th May	25th May	26th May	27th May	28th May	29th May	30th May	31st May	1st June	2nd June	3rd June	4th June	5th June	6th June	7th June	8th June	9th June	10th June	11th June	12th June	13th June	14th June	15th June	16th June	17th June	18th June	19th June	20th June	21st June	22nd June	23rd June	24th June	25th June	26th June	27th June	28th June	29th June	30th June	1st July	2nd July	3rd July	4th July	5th July	6th July	7th July	8th July	9th July	10th July	11th July	12th July	13th July	
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